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A Message from District Governor Joe Wilson

What an autumn we have had! Foliage has been beautiful, Lions have sponsored festivals, Oktoberfest, food booths, service activities, and more. Vision screenings are in full service. The Peace Poster Contest is complete, congratulations to all the winners. The LCIF Super Raffle has again been a success. Vermont Lions Charities has completed their annual meeting. So many Lions, so many good works.

At our Fall Conference Lions approved changes in our bylaws to enable Granville, NY and its environs to be included in District 45's service area. District Lions then approved the resolution to receive the Granville Lions club into District 45. With all the approvals in place, the information now goes to Lions Clubs International for final approval. Granville Lions visited our Fall Conference and introduced themselves. They also presented one of their collapsible chairs to us, personalized for District 45. It was used in the LCIF Super Raffle and will be enjoyed for many years.

On October 15th New England Lions Council held our annual Necrology Service at Cathedral in the Pines in Rindge, NH. I was privileged to honor and read the names of 21 District 45 Lions we have lost in the past year. These 21 lions represented 476 years of Lions Service.

Our membership numbers need to remain strong, if you haven't held a membership recruiting event in your club, please plan to do so. If you are planning a service event, invite a non-member, neighbor, colleague or friend to join you for a few hours of service and fellowship. If you need recruitment ideas, ask Global Membership Team coordinator Tommy Walz, Me, your Zone Chair, Cabinet officers, or go to www.lionsclubs.org. Search for *membership* and you'll get a bundle of resources. Remember that new members receive a special Centennial pin and membership certificate, and their sponsors also receive a Centennial Sponsor pin.

It's time to be thinking about Chicago! Our 100th Anniversary looks to be a once in a lifetime experience. I doubt most of will not see the next 100 year celebration. Early reservations must be submitted by January 13th to be assured rooms in our designated Hotel. The New England delegates are all scheduled for the Hyatt Regency Chicago, approximately 3 miles from McCormick Place, with convention bus service. We've heard talk of 100 Vermont Lions attending this 100th convention. If it's to be, we must act soon. Find out more on the LCI website, click on the LCICOM tab.

As we approach the Holiday Season, please reach out in your community and help those in need. This is a special time when Lions will serve others in so many ways. Please find ways to make the holiday season memorable for children, the homeless, the elderly, our veterans, our military and their families. At this time of year, our motto *We Serve* is most important and most needed in our district.

Thank you all for all you do.

DG Joe



DISTRICT 45

Calendar

November 2016

11	Dine in the Dark - Doubletree Hotel, South Burlington, VT
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20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique
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December 2016

2-4	Springfield Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale - Springfield Plaza
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17-18	Manchester Lions host the Elf Express Train Ride http://www.manchesterlionselftrain.com/
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20	Deadline to submit items for Communique
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January 2017

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February 2017

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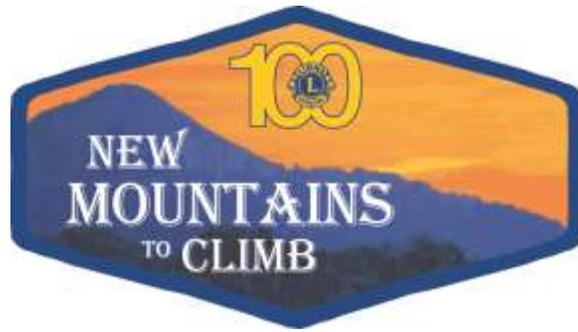


On Saturday night, October 22nd, over 150 Vermont Lions, families, friends and guests gathered for the annual Vermont Lions LCIF Super Raffle at the Hampton Inn, Colchester. Over 120 tickets had been sold in anticipation of winning any of the over \$10,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded: Starting with the \$100 Cash Prize donated by the Troy and Area Lions Club to the \$1,500 grand prize (2nd prize was \$500), there was many grand prizes to award to ticket owners and many door prizes to award to attendees especially the 'soap'. At the end of the event: Stephen Weston, brother of PCT Loreen Teer, and PDG Ken Emery split the 1st and 2nd Grand Prizes, receiving \$1,000 apiece. More importantly, the winners are the individuals who will be receiving a Melvin Jones Fellow award later this year.

The LCIF Super Raffle Committee would like to thank everyone: clubs, individual lions, families and friends for purchasing a ticket. More importantly, we would like to 'THANK YOU' to all the business's, clubs and individuals who made donations to be used for prizes and those individuals who help collect such prizes. Please see list and say 'thank you' to those who supported Vermont Lions.

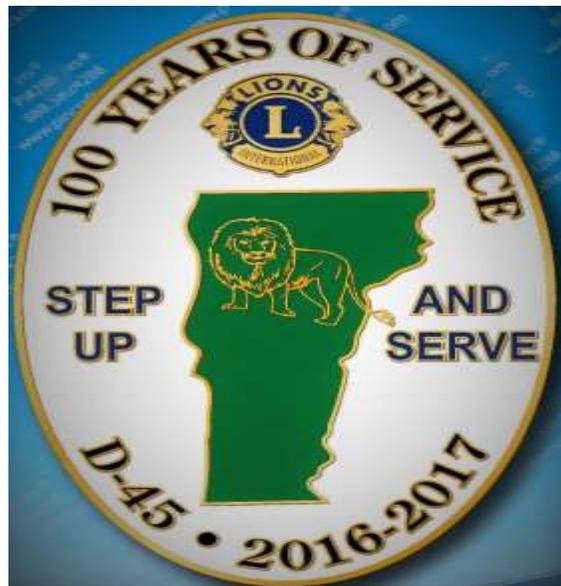
Until next year,

LCIF Super Raffle Committee



***** For all clubs and individual Lions who purchased a ticket for this year's LCIF Super Raffle, a nomination can be submitted for a Lion or non-Lion to receive a Melvin Jones Fellow. Nominations can be for a Lion in your club or another club or a non-Lion being a member of your community.

Nominations must be submitted in writing (letter or email) to PDG Ken Emery (kpemery1960@gmail.com) or any LCIF Super Raffle Committee member by no later than January 14, 2017. *****



Super Raffle Donations Received from:

Company	Company	Company
5 Guys	Jay Peak Pump House	People's United Bank
5 Olde Restaurant	Jay Peak Resort	Quechee Golf Club
Bayberry Cottage	Jolley	Quilting with Color
Beverage Warehouse	Kinney Drugs	Ramunto's
Boyden Farms	Kohl's	Richford Lions Club
Brattleboro Area Lions Club	La Quinta Inns and Suites	Rosie's
Buds and Roses	Lake Champlain Ferries	Rotisserie
Champlain Valley Fair	Langlais Designs	Sally's Flower Shop
Coburn's General Store	Lenny's Shoes and Apparel	Shaw's - Shelburne Road
Colchester Lions Club	Lighting House	Shaw's - Williston
Commordore Inn	Linda's / Erica's (Restaurant's)	Shelburne Museum
Danforth Pewter	Lion Carmelita Belisle	Shelburne Vineyards
Eastern Mountain Sports	Lion Lois Fontaine	Simon Pearce
Enosburg Falls Country Club	Lion Myra Poland	Small City Market
Essex Jct. Lions Club	Main Street Graphics	Smugglers Notch
Friendly's Williston	Manchester Lions Club	Strafford Area Lions Club
Geiger	Marriott - Middlebury	Suicide Six
Global Pathways	Massage Envy	Superb Cupcakes
Goofy Golf	Members Advantage	Tanglewood Motel
Green Peppers	Mexicali	Trader Joes
Hampton Inn	Montshire Museum	Troy and Area Lions Club
Hannafords - Dorset St	Neshobe Country Club	Twiggs
Hannafords - North Avenue	Olive Garden	University Mall
Heartland Lions Club	One Federal Restaurant	Uno Pizzeria
Hometown Beverage	Orleans Lions Club	Vt. Tap House
Hotel Coolidge	Orvis	Vt. Teddy Bear
Hurricane Flats	Outback Steakhouse	Wendell's Furniture
Inn at Essex	PCT Loreen Teer	Woody Jackson
J & L Hardware	PDG Ken Emery	Yankee Pedlars' Shoppe
Jack's Composter	PDG Mel and Lion Sue Coburn	Ye Olde Sign Shoppe
	People's Trust Company	



D45 Eyeglass Recycling

At the 10/22/16 D45 Cabinet Meeting VT Lions made the decision to stop using Lens Crafters OneSight as our partner for our recycling efforts. This was done because OneSight changed their policy. OneSight believes in giving its very best to those that need it most. This belief led us to evaluate the use of recycled eyewear at Vision Clinics. Starting in 2014 OneSight has dispensed 100% new eyewear to patients, we do

accept eyewear donations to be responsibly recycled. Donated eyewear is disassembled and sent to a third party recycler that utilizes the raw materials. OneSight receives modest funds based on weight that supports charitable programs. Small quantities of collected eyewear can be dropped off at your local LensCrafters, Sears Optical or Pearle Vision locations. Large quantities should be shipped at the donor's expense directly to the eyewear processing center.

Based upon this information D45 has decided to partner with the LCI certified Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in New Jersey.

Clubs should continue to bring their eyeglasses to any cabinet meeting EXCEPT for the spring conference, or bring them directly to the Vergennes Lions Club. The Vergennes Lions will store the eyeglasses and maintain the official club count for the purposes of our D45 recycling competition. Once each year the Vergennes Lions will deliver all of D45's collected glasses to the New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. The New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (NJLERC) at the Katzenbach School in West Trenton, NJ handles approximately 1,200,000 pair each year.

The purpose of the NJLERC as an organization is to collect, clean, neutralize and designate the prescription of used eyeglasses and to store and package them for distribution to needy groups and individuals throughout the world. Soon after its inception, NJLERC obtained a 501(c) 3 classification from the IRS as a Non-Profit Organization (6/10/97). NJLERC also received a State of New Jersey "Tax Exempt Organization" permit (11/06/97). The center became a New Jersey Lions "State Approved" Project in 2000 and is recognized by Lions Club International as one of eleven approved centers in operation in the United States. Since NJLERC began keeping records back in 1997-1998, NJLERC has collected approximately 10,883,203 pair of eyeglasses and distributed 1,256,335 pair of eyeglasses. We are extremely proud of all our volunteers and New Jersey Lions Clubs for their steadfast support over the years, for without them we could not accomplish our mission of giving the gift of sight. The NJLERC maintains normal hours of operation Monday through Wednesday between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.



Peace Poster Results

“A Celebration of Peace”

A very special thank you to the clubs and many young artists who participated in this year's Peace Poster Contest.

So wonderful to see such creativity from our youth. What a great way to open doors and engage our youth and introduce them into the world of Lionism!

The judging was held on October 22, 2016 at the Fall Conference at the Hampton Inn in Colchester. The results are as follows:

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|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st place | Emma Schaarschmidt | Essex Lions |
| 2nd place | Elena Politano | Brandon-Forestdale Lions |
| 3rd place | Farina Nawar | Colchester Lions |

Congratulations to the winners and to all those who participated! Thank you!

Lion Carmelita

Peace Poster Chair

Peace Poster Winners



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Emma Schaarschmidt

Essex Lions

Peace Poster Winners



2nd Place: Elena Politano

Brandon-Forestdale Lions

Peace Poster Winners



3rd Place: Farina Nawar Colchester Lions

ATTENTION: D45 LIONS CLUBS!
2016-2017 SPEAK OUT CONTEST
“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”



Fellow Lions:

“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”; the new theme from International President Chancellor Bob Corlew, 2016-2017! Please check out his theme on the International website www.lionsclub.org I encourage all District 45 Clubs to participate in this years Speak - Out Contest, by inviting your high school juniors and seniors to share their ideas of this very inspirational theme, “NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB,” with your club and our District.

I am including the materials needed for this year’s contest but if you have never participated before and would like help to get started, please feel free to contact either myself or my co-chair, Lion Connie St. George, we will be happy to help your clubs chairperson get started out on the right foot.

There is no time like the present to get started; the D45 Speak-Out Contest will be on March 11, 2017 at the American Legion in Chester, VT.

Yours in Service,

Lion Jackie Dutil, jdutil775@comcast.net
2015-2016 Speak-Out Contest Chairperson, 802-247-3490
Lion Connie St. George, sunsetcarpentry1@juno.com
2015-2016 Speak-Out Co-Chairperson, 802-352-4686

Speak Out Contest 2016-2017

For OV juniors and seniors



**Sponsored by:
Brandon-Forest Dale & Pittsford Lions
Clubs**

And D 45 Vermont Lions

Topic: "NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB"



Time: 5 to 7 min.

NOTE: This is a three level contest. The winner of our local Contest will advance to participate in Regional Contest if necessary. All finalists go on to the State Level Contest which will be held on March 11, 2017 VT at the American Legion, Chester, VT.

The Local Contest will be held at a Lions Club Meeting on: January 17, 2017 at 6:30PM.

Lions Meet at the Methodist Church, Route 7, Brandon)

JUDGING CRITERIA: Address Theme.....20pts.
Development of Theme.....50pts.
Expression and Delivery.....30pts

Each Judge may direct one question on the subject to the speaker at the conclusion of the speech.

LOCAL PRIZES!

1st Place: \$200 2nd Place: \$150 3rd Place: \$75

Possible Regional Contest: To Be Determined

STATE FINALS

1st: \$300 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$75



Speak Out Contest 2016-2017

For juniors and seniors



Sponsored by the
CLUB NAME:
**And Vermont District 45
Lions**



Topic: **“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”**

Time: between 5 and 7 minutes!

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The Local Contest will be held at a Lions Club Meeting on: _____, 2017.

Lions Meet at: (_____)

JUDGING CRITERIA: Address Theme.....20pts.
Development of Theme.....50pts.
Expression and Delivery.....30pts

Each Judge may direct one question on the subject to the speaker at the conclusion of the speech.

PRIZES!

LOCAL CONTEST

1st Place: _____ 2nd Place: _____ 3rd Place: _____
Possible Regional Contest: To Be Determined if necessary

STATE FINALS!

1st: \$300 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$75 4th or more \$ 25

CONTACT PERSON: LION





DISTRICT 45-LIONS OF VERMONT SPEAK OUT CONTEST 2016-2017)



“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”

Duration of Speech	LESS THAN	FIVE MINUTES	5-7 Minutes Required	Total Time	Total Points
Addressing the Theme (20 Points)	Effort made to address the Theme was lacking in quality (0-4 Points)	Good effort was made to address the Theme (5-10 Points)	Very good effort was made to address the Theme (11-19 Points)	Outstanding effort was made in addressing the Theme (20 Points)	
Developing the Theme (50 Points)	Effort to develop the Theme was lacking in clarity & organization (0-24 Points)	Good effort was made to develop the Theme (25-39 Points)	Very good effort was made to develop the Theme (40-49 Points)	Outstanding job was done of developing the Theme (50 Points)	
Clarity & Expression (30 Points)		Good effort of expressing the points being made – relatively confident in presentation (1-14 Points)	Very good effort of expressing the points being made – shows confidence in presentation (15-24 Points)	Excellent effort of expressing points being made – very confident & dynamic in presentation (25-30 Points)	
Name					Total Points

2016-2017 SPEAK-OUT CONTEST
“NEW MOUNTAINS to CLIMB”
March 11, 2017 American Legion, Chester, VT

SPEAK-OUT INFORMATION:

1. Included is an example of the Brandon-Forest Dale-Pittsford Lions Clubs Speak-Out Contest form (example of two clubs that work together from a union school). **Your Club sets its own prize money.**
2. Your clubs form to fill in your information on.
3. The judging form.

Advise the participants to read the International President's message on the theme of the contest; go to www.lionsclub.org .

THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

1. Assign a Speak-Out Chairperson in your club.
2. Find a contact person, preferably at the (High School): the head of the English Department or a Guidance Counselor are excellent options. Other possible contacts: local 4-H and Scout Group Leaders, Debate Coach, etc.



The Manchester Lions Club presents

THE ELF EXPRESS

Saturday, December 17 – Sunday, December 18

r.k. Miles Depot Station – Manchester Center, VT

Trains depart: 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30 & 4:00 Daily

Adults (13 and over): \$25.00

Children (2-12): \$20.00

Under 2: Free (Must sit on parent's lap)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:

www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com

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r.k. MILES
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D-45 Centennial Coordinator's Corner

Centennial Service Challenge

For nearly 100 years, Lions have changed lives in their communities and around the world. In celebration of our Centennial in 2017, Lions everywhere are being challenged to serve 100 million people. You're invited to join the celebration by helping us reach our goal. Your club can earn special Centennial recognition by hosting a service project that benefits Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this historic event—start planning your next Centennial Service Challenge event today!



Centennial Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special *Limited Edition* awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs.



Centennial Community Legacy Projects

Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.



Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results

Nearly 7,000 Children Already Screened This Year!

September 1 - October 28, 2016

Club	Number of Schools	Number of Children	Number of Referrals	Number of Adults
Springfield	10	2174	185	22
Castleton	5	682	73	5
Arlington/Bennington/ NorShaft	26	1976	185	0
Colchester	1	62	10	35
Middlebury	16	964	84	
Barre		1024	96	0
Total:	58	6882	633	62



District 45 Vision Screener Schedule and Availability

Host Location:	Bennington Area	Springfield Area	Castleton Area	Essex Area
Contact:	norshaftlions@aol.com	mygabob@vermontel.net	topsun@comcast.net	cjcbeagles@aol.com
Month	w/o			
October	31 Richford	Springfield Area	Castleton Area	Middlebury/ Colchester (11/4)
November	7 Richford	Springfield Area		Troy & Area
	14 Richford	Springfield Area	Castleton Area	Troy & Area
	21 Richford	Springfield Area		Troy & Area
	28 Richford	Springfield Area		Troy & Area
December	5 Vergennes			Essex
	12 Vergennes			Essex
	19 Vergennes			
	26 Vergennes			
January	2 Vergennes Area			Jericho/Underhill
	9 Vergennes Area			Jericho/Underhill
	16 Vergennes Area			Jericho/Underhill
	23 Vergennes Area			Jericho/Underhill
	30 Vergennes Area			
February	6			Jericho/Underhill
	13			Jericho/Underhill
	20			Jericho/Underhill
	27			Jericho/Underhill

The camera is available wherever there is no club listed.

Contact Phylis Porio (norshaftlions@aol.com) to reserve a camera and before booking the school.



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Contact:	norshaftlions@aol.com	mygabob@vermontel.net	topsun@comcast.net	cjcbeagles@aol.com

Month	w/o
March	6 13 20 27
April	3 10 17 23 30
May	1 8 15 22 29

As of 10-30-16

**NOTE: Cameras are already being booked for September and October 2017.
Make your request for a camera NOW!
Contact Phylis Porio (norshaftlions@aol.com or 802-442-0380)**

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Month	w/o
May	1
	8
	15
	22
	29

As of 8-30-16

Club News

MIDDLEBURY AND BRANDON/FORESTDALE LIONS CLUBS JOIN FORCES TO BUILD SAFE ACCESS

An area resident recently became a double amputee and was dependent upon family and friends to access her own home. The old ramp was a full step below the entry threshold and was too steep for her to climb “it was a bit of a roller coaster”.

The new ADA compliant ramp enables her safe and self-propelled access to and from her home.



Club News

Capture the Lion! Game on!

You will be surprised to know!

The District Lion and a close Friend have taken up residence in the SOUTHERN part of D45... They have settled into a friendly, beautiful part of Vermont - to enjoy the foliage and the company of a large group of wonderful, friendly Lions. Time has been spent at Lake Paran, viewing the striking colors on the East Mountain and enjoying the fun of OKTOBERFEST.

These two Lion Buddies are planning on an **extended stay** with the **NORSHAFT LIONS CLUB** -

The only thing that can change their minds is for some members of another Club come to try and capture them at the December Meeting (December 6th).

The challenge is there !

Contact Lion Wendy to book a meal : wchenaille60@gmail.com

Dining in the Dark!

Lion Linda Eastman and the Colchester Lions invite you to:

Dining in the Dark

November 11th 5-9 P.M.

Doubletree Hotel

1117 Williston Road

South Burlington, VT

802-658-0250

Call Doubletree with registration

Springfield Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale

Christmas Tree Sale--Springfield Lions Club.

December 2 and 3, 4 if needed. Springfield Plaza, Springfield, VT Also fresh, tasteful wreaths. Locally grown and very fresh trees!



DG Joe Wilson, PDG Ken Emery and Lion Brenda Seitz from the New England Lions Necrology service held at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge NH on Saturday October 21st. 21 Vermont Lions were remembered with over 400 + years of service.

Club News

Brattleboro Area Lions Club - Coffee Break at the VT Welcome Center



October 16, 2016
3rd Annual BALC Coffee Break



Funnies

As we approach the busy holiday season, please remember to breath!
Don't let the stress get the best of you!



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"It should heal by itself in a few weeks. Just for fun, would you like to make a wish?"



**Eat TONS and
take a nap.**

Editor's Corner

A note from the Editor:

It's been great fun editing the Communique over the last year! So much fun in fact that I've offered to stay on as editor for another year! I really enjoy seeing what clubs across the District are doing and what kind of positive impact Lions are having within their communities. Be sure to review the information below concerning submissions and submit early and often!

Happy Summer!
Lion Amy Herrmann

Please follow these simple steps:

1st: When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put '**For Communique**' in the subject line of the email. Emails to communique@d45lions.com are received by several Lions and we need to be sure that it is directed properly.

2nd: A quick Marketing 101 reminder: Be sure to include the 5 W's. Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? when sending information for inclusion in the Communiqué.

For example (and a shameless plug!): (Who)The Manchester Lions Club will be hosting (What) the Maple Leaf Half Marathon, a Top Ten Fall Event, on (When) Saturday September 10, 2016 (Where)The event begins at ends at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, 340 Rec Park Road, Manchester, Vermont. (Why)Monies raised from the event are donated back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations. (How) For more information or to register please visit our website at www.manchestervtmapleleaf.com

3rd: Start advertising your event months in advance. Don't wait until the September Communiqué to promote a September event. Send the information as early as possible. I'll get it on the calendar and begin promoting it for you.

Lastly: Please submit items in one of the following formats: **PDF, Word, or JPEG**. Please help me get the Communique posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format. I do have the ability to edit just about anything but would prefer print-ready submissions (in the interest of time).

All information/photos MUST be received by the 20th of each month.