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Address from District Governor Ken Emery –

Welcome to the 2014 - 2015 Lions year for Vermont Lions District 45. The 60th year of Vermont Lions serving our local communities, our state, our country and our world.

2013 - 2014 was an exciting year. Seeing the clubs do the projects that they do. I had the luxury of being able to participate in making 'apple pies', or sorting food for holiday baskets but also just 'watching' members, working together at their annual auction.

Seeing members traveling throughout the state. Whether to help with a project, participating in the Traveling Lion program or attending District meetings.

Seeing our youth of the state: participating in the Lions Twin State Soccer matches or the annual Peace Poster contest, or the Speakout Contest.

There was excitement in the district as PDG Stan Patch Jr. and his efforts with IPDG Tommy and others to establish a new club in Brattleboro. WELCOME BRATTLEBORO AND AREA TO DISTRICT 45!!!.

2013 - 2014 unfortunately, was also a very sad year. The Border Lions Club folded. Finding leaders for District level positions is a challenge. There are members still leaving. Not seeing members participate in the Traveling Lions program.

There are changes for District 45 Vermont Lions in 2014 - 2015.

First: There are now 7 zones in the District compared to 9 in previous years. The Colchester and Jericho-Underhill Lions club has moved from Zone 1A to Zone 1B. The Barre Lions club has moved from Zone 1B to Zone 4. Zones 2A and 2B have combined to be Zone 2AB. Zone 3C is now part of Zone 3BC. The Springfield and Chester Lions Club have moved from Zone 3ab to Zone 3bc.

Second: The annual LCIF Super Raffle will now be held as part of the Fall Conference. This year's event will be held Saturday night, November 8th at the Hampton Inn, Colchester. *(Continued on next page...)*

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Third: Under the guidance of PDG PCS Betsy MaGee and her team, the Food from the Heart food drive will be the 'highlight' of weeklong activities throughout the state as part of the "Food from the Heart" program.

Fourth: There will be a revision in establishing a No. 1 Club. In past years, the No. 1 club was divided into: large clubs / small clubs. The dividing point being 25 members. In 2014 - 2015, the No. 1 Club will be divided into three divisions:

Small Clubs - 20 members or less.
Medium Clubs - 21 - 35 members.
Large Clubs - 36 members or greater.



Hopefully this will allow a little bit more 'competition' on whom can be the No. 1 club in the district.

BUT, even with these changes there are also challenges in the coming year.

As have been discussed many times, increasing our membership is of upmost importance. Bringing in new members is part of that process but it is just as important to work with our present membership so they will stay members.

My membership goal per club for the coming here is twofold: **0 losses of present members. Recruit 2 new members.**

Membership is important but we must not lose sight that we must continue to work with our leadership. Leadership at the club level. Leadership at the District level. We must provide the necessary tools for our leadership. We must also recruit members to become part of the leadership. Think about it. No leadership / no membership.

Another part of my leadership goals for 2014 - 2015, is to improve our Guiding Lion program. Guiding Lions provide knowledge to help struggling existing clubs overcome their issues. Guiding Lions are an intregal part (also known as required) in the formation of new clubs.

In 2014 - 2015, I am looking to extend Lionism into areas of the state without existing clubs. Areas like Burlington, Morrisville, Grand Isle County. There has also been rumors of a possible club in the Bellows Falls area. And, if things can be worked out, try to reestablish a club in the north eastern region of the 'Kingdom', aka Canaan.

Being a Lion is a combination of work and play. We 'work' at Service Projects or a Fundraising Projects. We 'work' at planning our meetings, including training sessions. But we also 'play' at the same time. From 'baiting' the fishing lines for the local youth, 'seeing' who can peel an apple the fastest. Sharing friendly laughter with our fellow members. Therefore my theme for 2014 - 2015 is: **"We work, we play: Together - We serve"**.

There is one more challenge that I am adding for the clubs in 2014 - 2015. I am asking that each club establish a new project. This new project, whether a service or a fund raiser or combination fundraising service project. This is my '**Green to Checkers**' program.

Our International President Joe Preston's theme for 2014 - 2015 is **'Strengthen the Pride'**.

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- "Strengthen the Pride" through Service.
- "Strengthen the Pride" through Membership Development.
- "Strengthen the Pride" by Strengthening our Clubs.
- "Strengthen the Pride" through Leadership.
- "Strengthen the Pride" through Partnerships.
- "Strengthen the Pride" through Rededication.
- "Strengthen the Pride" through Giving.
- "Strengthen the Pride" through Creativity.
- "Strengthen the Pride" through Courage and Conviction.



Please think how we, as a District and as members of our your own club can "Strengthen the Pride" of Vermont Lions District 45.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other member of the District Governor's team with your questions, thoughts or concerns.

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor (as of July 8th) Ken Emery

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

July 2014	
4 – 8	97th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention – Toronto Canada
12	Springfield Lions Club – Fishing Derby Saturday, July 12, 6am – 3pm at Hoyt's Landing on Connecticut River
12	Arlington Lions Club Basket Bingo – July 12, 5 – 8pm at the Arlington Park and Rec Pavilion. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle and lots of basket winnings! Drinks, hamburgers, hotdogs will sold to help with the fundraiser. Contact Lion Susan Jennings at 802.733.1820 or smjennings2004@yahoo.com for information.
13	Organizational Meeting for District 45
19	Lions Twin State 40th Annual Lions Soccer Cup Matches – Castleton State College Girls game at 4:00 pm, Boys game at 6:30 pm
August 2014	
16	First D45 Cabinet Meeting for 2014-2015 – Paul's Sugar House, 1963 US Route 5, Derby, VT Registration and Information included in this July edition of Communiqué
September 2014	
13	Lion Club 1st annual Disc Golf Community Challenge - The Challenge will be held on Saturday, September 13th at the Quarries Disc Golf Course in Websterville Vermont. The Barre Lions Club will field a team and we are throwing down the gauntlet to other District 45 Clubs. For more information, contact Stacy Cadorette @ 498-3740 or email @ stacycadorette@yahoo.com
27	Whitingham-Halifax Lions Hungry Lion Bike Tour to raise money for the local food shelf and holiday food baskets. Cyclists will enjoy our amazing fall foliage while raising funds to help end hunger in Southern Vermont. To learn more about the event, Please visit www.hungrylionbiketour.com , watch the video there, visit the Tour's FaceBook page, or follow on Twitter at @HungryLion2013. Pre-registration via the website is encouraged. More information will be published in upcoming editions of the D45 newsletter.

D-45 Reasons for Dropping Members 2013-2014 by Club

Club	Died	Moved	Non-attend & non-pay	Non-pay of dues	Other	Resigned Good stand	Transfer good stand	Totals
Arlington			1	1		1		3
Barre	2	2						4
Bennington	1	2	1					4
Border								0
Brandon-Forestdale		1						1
Brattleboro								0
Castleton			2			2		4
Chester							1	1
Colchester								0
Derby								0
Enosburg Falls	1					1		2
Essex Junction		1						1
Georgia						1		1
Heartland						1		1
Hinesburg	1							1
Jericho-Underhill			3	2		1		6
Manchester		1		1	2	2		6
Marble Valley				3	1			4
Middlebury	3			1		3		7
Norshaft	2				1	3		6
Norwich						1		1
Orleans	2		1		1	1		5
Pittsford		2	4		1	1		8
Readsboro								0
Richford								0
Route 100					1			1
St. Johnsbury				1		2	2	5
Shelburne								0
Springfield		4				1		5
Strafford Area		1				2		3
Swanton-Missisquoi								0
Troy Area	2					2	2	6
Valley	1	1						2
Vergennes	1					2		3
White River Junction						1		1
Whitingham-Halifax	2	1				2		5
Williston Area			1					1
Windsor		1			1			2
Totals	18	17	12	8	8	29	5	97
Percentages	18.6%	17.5%	12.4%	8.2%	8.2%	29.9%	5.2%	

Photos: King Lion Walter Hasting, wears many hats! Photo with Senator Patrick Leahy with the crew working at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge, VT.

Heartland Lions Club



The Heartland Lions has been busy, they have cleaned up Paine's Beach and it is ready for usage. New officers were installed on Monday, June 16 by Lion Mel Coburn. Traveling Lion Chucky was also in attendance, since he has been adopted by the Heartland Lions Club – this was a treat to have him visit! The club also worked at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge selling food. We met many other Lions and was fortunate to meet someone that had been to the Austin Camp and had nothing but positive comments about their experience. Makes you proud to be a Lion to hear how we help others! We also had a chance to meet up with Senator Patrick Leahy. For the months of July/August they will be meeting at Paine's Beach for their regular meetings.

Lion Carol Greene, Secretary – Heartland Lions

Basket Bingo

July 12, 2014

Arlington Park and Rec Pavilion

Arlington, Vermont

Time: 5:00 to 8:00

Refreshment: Drinks, hamburgers, hotdog, etc will be sold.

Everyone is invited! We hope to see you there!

Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

Lion Susan Jennings

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A message from Outgoing DG Tommy Walz:

This is my last contribution to the communiqué as district governor. It would not have been possible without the support of D45 Lions throughout the district, and I thank all of you for that support and for giving me the opportunity to serve. My Dream Team: 1st VDG Ken Emery, 2nd VDG Pam Nichols, Cabinet Secretary Betsy MaGee and Cabinet Treasurer Bob Brault are appreciated for their care and diligence in keeping me straight and for their hard work for the district. PDG Steve Simpson and Lion Rob Keith both had to resign their positions as GLT Coordinator and GMT Coordinator respectively for health reasons, but I thank them for the contributions they were able to make. Above all, I thank the Barre Lions for their continuing and unflagging support. Without them, I would not have and could not have been your district governor.

The list of others to thank is very long, and I will not attempt to name them all here. They include zone chairs, club presidents, PDGs, and other people whose only title is "Lion," which is the best and most important title of them all. Lions do our work and provide our services. We should all be proud of being Lions and be thankful we have been given the opportunity to serve others.

As you all know, I've been hammering the issue of membership growth all year long. We are going to end the year with a positive growth number but just barely. We cannot afford to let up.

In this issue you will find data on our growth, including the results for each club as of the end of May. I hope those clubs that showed net losses will take the information seriously and take steps to retain and recruit. The district will help them. Those clubs that showed gains can justly celebrate, but they cannot sit back and consider the job done.

We gained the Brattleboro Area Lions and 23 new members in March, and we welcome those new Lions into our family. Unfortunately, at the beginning of June, the Border Lions Club in Canaan closed its doors, and we lost 11 Lions in one blow there. We are now back where we started the year with 37 clubs in the district.

There have been great moments for me this year and others that were not so much fun. The good greatly outweighs the bad. Losing my tie in Bennington was one of the most interesting experiences. The best of it all is that no matter where I traveled in District 45, I found Lions doing what they need to do: serving others. That is truly good stuff.

You have not seen the last of me. Even as Leslie and I and our grandson Erik prepare for the Toronto Convention and my last acts as your district governor, I pledge to help the incoming district team and to do what I can to help keep Lionism strong and vibrant in Vermont.

District Governor Tommy Walz

Brattleboro Charter Event



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