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A Message from District Governor Walter Hastings

Hello Lions of District 45!

We thought summer had left and Fall officially started on Friday, September 22, at 4:02pm, but summer wanted to hang in there.

As I write this message, 1st VDG Elizabeth Fenwick has attended the USA/Canada Lions forum, and we are eagerly awaiting to learn more about her experience. I had the experience to visit the Londonderry Club and will be traveling tomorrow Stafford to install officers.

Looking ahead this fall, my calendar includes the LCIF Super Raffle, District Fall Conference, Peace Poster Contest, New England Lions Council Fall Meeting, and many club projects. I'm sure you are all keeping busy and looking forward to seeing you soon!

We are looking ahead to the District Fall Cabinet with a full agenda, including a guest speaker and service activity which will include packing 10,000 meals. Thru the "Power of We" – we can make this project happen. This will allow clubs to participate and take home some meals for their community food shelf and Vermont Food Bank. More information to follow soon!

"Remember the past, but eye the future" – with that said I would like us to set aside time to get to know our New Hampshire Lions with either a service project or social event.

We Serve, DG Walter

District 45

Calendar

October 2017				
14	Piecing Membership Together - Concord, NH			
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique			
20-22	NELC - Grand Summit at Mount Snow, West Dover, VT			
November 2017				
4	Fall Cabinet Meeting/LCI Super Raffle - Colchester			
4	VLC Annual Meeting			
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique			
December 2017				
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique			
January 2018				
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique			



Topics:

Making Your Lions Roar – Getting new and current Lions involved

Tooting Your Clubs Horn - Promoting your members and

Holding On to Who You Have -Why members leave or stop attending meeting and events

The Lions Want You - Looking for the right member **Round Table Discussion** - Share ideas and clarify issues





Where: NH Fire Academy, Concord, NH

When: October 14

Time: 8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 1:00 Training

RSVP: GMT/PDG Henry McKee

hanknh@netzero.net

603-960-1732

MEETING NOTICE!!!

Official Warning of Vermont Lions Charities Annual Meeting November 4, 2017

The annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities will be held during the Fall Conference on Saturday, November 4, 2017.. A full report on Vermont Lions Charities will be provided. We will also need to elect a President for a new three year term.

Thank you,

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



Fall Cabinet Meeting/LCIF Super Raffle Saturday, November 4, 2017 Day Event Only

Hampton Inn 42 Lower Mountain View Drive Colchester, Vermont

Reservations must be made no later than Saturday, October 21, 2017

Name:
Address :
Email Address:
Club/District Position:
Home Club Name:
Phone Number:
Cabinet Meeting: \$22.00 pp x (# attending) \$ Please make your checks payable to Vermont District 45 and mail to:

CT Lion Brenda Seitz

724 Hinesburg Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301

Email: blseitz92@gmail.com

Phone: 802.257.0901

DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS

2017-2018 SPEAK-OUT CONTEST "WE SERVE - THE POWER OF WE"



Fellow Lions:

Now is the time to start planning for the District 45 Speak-Out Contest to be held on March 10, 2018 at the American Legion in Chester, Vermont. Those that have participated in the past know what a wonderful opportunity this is to hear our local high school students "speak out" about our International President's theme, not just at the state contest but at the local level as well.

"WE SERVE - THE POWER OF WE" is the new theme from International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, 2017-2018. Please check out his theme on the International website www.lionsclub.org I encourage all District 45 Clubs to participate in this year's Speak-Out Contest by inviting your local high school juniors and seniors to share their ideas on this very inspirational theme, "We Serve - The Power of We" 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 getting started, please feel free to contact either myself or my co-chair, Lion Connie St. George, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours in Service,

Lion Kathy Cannon, cannons@gmavt.net 2017-2018 Speak-Out Contest Chairperson, (802) 373-4180

Lion Connie St. George, <u>sunsetcarpentry1@juno.com</u> 2017-2018 Speak-Out Co-Chairperson, (802) 352-4686

2017-2018 SPEAK-OUT CONTEST "WE SERVE - THE POWER OF WE" March 10, 2018 American Legion, Chester, Vermont

SPEAK-OUT INFORMATION:

- 1. Included is an example of the Brandon-Forest Dale-Pittsford Lions Clubs Speak-Out Contest form (an example of two clubs that work together from a union school). **Your Club sets its own prize money.**
- 2. A blank form for your club to use.
- 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.

WHAT TO DO IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

- 1. Assign a Speak-Out Chairperson in your club.
- 2. Find a contact person, preferably at your local 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.
- 3. Your club will need to set a local contest date, amount of prizes, location of contest and list your chairperson person on the bottom of your form. Fill out your form and make copies including the judging form and the International President's message, if you wish, to give to your contacts. They in turn can make copies for the students that are interested in participating.

Speak Out Contest 2017– 2018

For juniors and seniors

Sponsored by the CLUB:



Topic: "WE SERVE - THE POWER OF WE"

Time: between 5 and 7 minutes!

NOTE: This is a three level contest. The winner of our local Contest will advance to participate in Regional if necessary. Finalists go on to the State Level Contest which will be held on March 10, 2018 at the American Legion in Chester, Vermont. The Local Contest will be held at a Lions Club Meeting on:

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

Speak Out Contest 2017-2018

For Otter Valley juniors and seniors

Sponsored by:

Brandon-Forest Dale & Pittsford Lions Clubs

And D 45 Vermont Lions

Topic: "THE POWER OF WE"

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 10, 2018 VT at the American Legion, Chester, VT.

The Local Contest will be held at a Lions Club Meeting on: January , 2018 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





DISTRICT 45-LIONS OF VERMONT SPEAK OUT CONTEST



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



To all members of District 45:

I am sure that all of us have read with increasing concern and horror about the epidemic of drug related deaths among our Youth in Vermont. It seems as though we are loosing a generation to this horrific scourge in our communities. I am sure that everyone knows of some family that has been affected by drug addictions, alcohol and the sadness of the loss of our loved ones and all the potential of our up and coming generations.

Foundation

Feeling helpless is not an emotion that we as Lions dwell on. WE SERVE. We, as Lions, will always look for a way to support our neighbors, if it is to visit someone who is sick with a bowl of that home made soup, donate to a food bank to fight hunger, help with vision screening, or raise money for a natural disaster like Irene. Well, I feel that we are in the middle of an UN - NATURAL disaster at the moment and our children and youth are in the greatest danger we have ever seen.

We are not helpless if we can support our children and youth - giving them skills to make positive decisions, giving them a positive view of who they are and what they can do and link them to their communities by service.

At our August Board Meeting, we were fortunate enough to have Kelly Anderson speak to us about the Lions Quest Program.

Lions Quest is a school – based life skills program for children ages 5-19. In the US education system, this encompasses children from Kindergarten to the 12^{th} Grade. Originally Lions partnered with Quest International to nurture youth in 1984. It became part of LCIF in 2002 to increase the program's reach and to offer greater support and visibility for the Lions who work with their local schools and communities on the program. Over 13 million youth have taken part in a Lions Quest classroom. The program has received high ratings from government agencies and educational groups. It has been implemented in more than 90 countries and program materials have been translated into nearly 40 languages.





The Lions Quest programs bring parents, educators, and community leaders together to teach children important life skills within a caring and consistent environment. This includes developing skills needed for self-discipline, responsibility, good judgment, conflict resolution, and the ability to get along with others. As a curriculum-based program, Lions Quest provides detailed lesson plans and classroom materials. All lessons are designed to complement the standard curriculum, offering a variety of ways to teach and reinforce social and academic skills. Research shows that students' academic achievement increases with the implementation of a social and emotional learning curriculum. Lions Quest also emphasizes service learning; students learn important leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school and community service projects. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, students who are involved in helping out in the community are happier at home, less likely to use alcohol or other drugs, and more successful in, and committed to school.

To enable this program to take place in your community, LCIF and the Lions Quest Team are prepared to offer grants for training and materials. This is a start, but the core of success is building partnership between your Lions Club and other community groups (e.g. police, health, education, colleges, and the business community).

Please consider the adoption of this service project in your community and think about supporting the "Seed Corn" of our future — our children.

Contact: Lion George Bilodeau VDG Liz Fenwick



Vermont Lions Charities

OCTOBER CASH-FEST



- 31 Chances to Win Every ticket is entered into every day's drawing.
- · Tickets are \$10 each
- October 1st and 31st Drawings are for \$200
- Two \$100 Winning Tickets will be drawn October 15th & 21st
- \$75 Sunday Drawings on Oct. 8th, 22nd
 & 29th, one winner each Sunday
- Eleven \$50 Drawings
- Thirteen Weekday \$25 Drawings

Rules

- You need not be present to win.
- Prizes will be drawn at the Fall Conference on November 4th, 2017.
- Prizes will be mailed to the winners about November 4th, 2017.
- Please return all "sold" tickets to a VLC Board Member by noon on November 4th, 2017 or if not attending the Fall Conference, mail to Lion Woody Stoddard, 163 Whitney Road, Sprngfield, VT 05156 by October 24, 2017.





Here is an opportunity to win CASH and support the Lions' mission to be Knights of the Blind and Deaf. Our October Cash-Fest offers you a chance to win every day in October by buying just one ticket! Prizes range from \$25.00 to \$200.00. You could win every day by buying just one \$10.00 raffle ticket!

While our local Lions Clubs provide eyeglasses and hearing aids to the immediate and surrounding communities, there are lots of towns that do not have Lions Clubs. This October Cash-Fest is our way of raising funds for those communities in Vermont that do not have a local Lions Club.

Please help those in need. Please purchase a raffle ticket!!

Thank you for your support!



Vermont Lions Charities





October 2017

\$75°	\$15 \$25 q	\$100	\$758	\$200
\$25	23 \$25	16 \$25	Columbus Day	\$25 2
\$100 Halloween	\$25 24	\$25	\$25	\$25
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New England Lions Council Serving the needs of the Districts of New England

The Lions are coming!! The Lions are coming!!
The Lions of New England are coming to Vermont!!

October 20th, 21st and 22nd
Mt. Snow Grand Summit Resort
West Dover, Vermont

Weekend highlights

- Guest Speaker IPID Jerome Thompson,
 Constitutional Area 1 GLT Chairperson
- Meet the NEW GLT, GMT, GST Coordinators for Constitutional Area 1-A PCC Mahesh Chitnis GMT: PDG TJ Anand GLT; Lion Ken Chew GST
- Guest Speaker Kaelyn Mudrak, LEAP Program Manager, from ReSource
- Remembering OUR Lions who we have lost in the since October 2016
- Updates from New England District Governors
- Meet fellow Lions from our New England Region
- Relax at the beautiful Mt. Snow Grand Summit Resort
- Room Rates: \$105 for Hotel Room, \$99 for Studio Room (plus additional fees)

See our district website <u>www.vermontlions.org</u> for full schedule of events, hotel registration and meal reservation information

Please join us!!!







VERMONT LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 45



August, 2017

To: ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

From: LCIF Super Raffle Committee Subject: The 2017 Annual Super Raffle

We are very pleased to announce plans for the 2017 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). <u>Since 2004</u> we have hosted this great event, each year raising approximately \$10,000 which has allowed us to present approximately <u>115 Melvin Jones Fellowships to deserving Lions and community members.</u>

This year's event will take place at the <u>Hampton Inn in Colchester on Saturday</u>, <u>November 4, 2017</u>, in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Fall Conference and cabinet meeting.

Tickets are for sale to your club, club members, businesses and friends of Lions. <u>Each ticket sold up to Sunday, October 29, 2017</u> will be entitled to two dinners, (after said date dinners allowed are subject to Hampton Inn). For this year's event, for an additional \$25 you can purchase 2^{nd} Chance Insurance and your non prize winning number will be eligible for a one time 2^{nd} chance to be re-entered into the drawings.

Please have the purchaser fill out the voucher(s), and mail it along with their check made payable to VT Lions D-45 in the amount of \$125 without insurance, \$150 with insurance and mail to PDG Ken Emery, 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester VT 05446. For 501 (C) (3) information please contact a LCIF Committee member.

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 PDG 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. There will be a total of at least \$4,500 in prizes (prize donations are welcome!!!) awarded, including, the *grand prize will be worth \$1,500 (do not need to be present to win)*.

Overnight accommodations are available at the Hampton Inn, 42 Mountain View Drive, next to Costco, 802.655.6177. Ask for the special Lions Club rate of \$109 using the special rate code Vermont Lions Group Block. Please keep in mind rooms are only guaranteed at that rate until October 14, 2017. The evening festivities will begin social time at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm 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 January 31, 2018.*

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

Sincerely in Lionism,

2017 District 45 LCIF Super Raffle Co-Chairs

PDG Ken Emery – 802-578-7483 – <u>kpemery1960@gmail.com</u> PDG Betsy MaGee – 802-578-5188 - <u>lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com</u>

Committee Members: IPDG Joe Wilson (Springfield), PDG Tommy Walz (Barre), Lion Carmelita Belisle (Colchester), Lion Mark Collette (Orleans), Lion David LaRose (Essex Jct.), Lion Jay Niles (Granville), Lion Phylis Porio (NorShaft)

Vermont Lions Charities Cabinet Meeting Report Saturday, August 19, 2017 American Legion - Vergennes

Vermont Lions Charities continues to provide eyeglass assistance in those areas that currently have no Lions clubs to provide such assistance. To date, VLC has provided \$4889.00 in eyeglass assistance in non-club areas. Currently we have additional dollars set aside to meet the expected requests for the remaining months of 2017. I do wish to welcome back Lion Linda Eastman who will now handle the Burlington-Winooski requests and other such requests throughout Vermont. Also, I need to welcome back Lion Connie LaPlume who will once again handle such requests in the north east area. I also need to remind clubs with-in our District that we have funds available to assist you in such requests.

In addition, VLC has funds available to assist in the area of providing hearing aid(s) assistance. Our 2017 hudget has set aside \$5000 in non club areas and \$2500 on the club level. To-date, VLC has received no such requests. VLC also provides matching funds, up to \$2500, to the Brattleboro Area Lions for both eyeglass & hearing aid assistance.

VLC now is part of the D-45 webpage and we wish to thank Lion Randy Bigelow for his help/support in making this all possible. This webpage will help VLC, not only in the area of PR, but also hopefully in the area of fundraising. Special thanks Lion Randy!!!

To-date, VLC has received \$46007.00 in income and has incurred \$19266.17 in expenses. Additional income is expected in other areas such as our annual Cash-Fest raffle(more on this from Lions Carmelita & Lyle), our Morrisville bingo, Amazon Smile, Schwans & others while incurring additional expenses in such areas as sight & hearing, general assistance, vision screening...just to name a few.

VLC's annual meeting will be held at our Fall Conference cabinet meeting; Saturday, November 4th.

. There needs to be another election... My term as interim President of VLC expires in December of this year. As such, we need an election; term three years. Currently, I plan on seeking another

term as President.

I am also happy to announce at this time that VLC has now set aside \$5000 in the area of providing transportation funds to those families involved with the battle of childhood cancer; such funds to be used for travel expenses in the area of appointments for treatment of the condition. All such requests will be handled on an individual basis. At this point in time, these funds are available in "non-club" areas. I personally wish to thank IPP of VLC, Lion Phylis Porio, for bringing this suggestion to our VLC Board.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to Lion Jackie Dutil & her committee for their efforts in the 2017 "Walk for Sight". Again, special thanks. Also, VLC is also conducting their annual "Cash Fest" raffle with drawings at our Fall Conference on November 4th. Special thanks to Lions Carmelita Belisle and Lyle Remick for putting everything together. I now ask for individual and club support in the purchase or sale of the raffle tickets. This is our final fundraising effort for 2017 and yes, great cash prizes are available on a daily basis with a total payout of \$1709.00.

Thanking you in advance!!!

Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG-2 President, VLC

Club News

Brandon Forest Dale





Brandon Forest Dale Lion Burt Reynolds (the original) celebrated his 91st birthday zip lining the longest course in North America, Hunter Mountain in the Catskills of New York. Burt zipped 3200 feet, walked across a suspension bridge and said he'd do it again if he was given the opportunity! Way to celebrate Lion Burt!

The Orleans Lions Club will be holding our annual Senior Citizens Fall Foliage Tour on Oct 1st. We hire two buses to accommodate the seniors, and some nursing homes provide their own busing for the more challenged seniors. We will treat about 100 seniors to a beautiful trip around the countryside and lunch is also on us. This is a function that our seniors look forward to every year, and we look forward to doing it for them.

The Orleans Lions co-sponsored a benefit dance to raise funds for the Halo Foundation on Sept 9th and raised \$1,950.00 for this great cause.

Yours In Lionism,

Lion Secr. David Bolduc Orleans Lions Club



Club News



PDG Ken Emery from Colchester Lions club captured the District lion from King Lion Patti Reynolds Brandon Forest Dale Lions club. Watch for details from Colchester for capturing!



NORWICH LIONS HONOR SABATELLES

BY LION DEMO SOFRONAS

The Norwich Lions Club recently honored Lions Rob and Laurie Sabatelle and presented them with a Lions Plaque for their 10 years of Norwich Fair dedication and leadership. They also received a gift certificate to a restaurant of their choice.

I thought it would be fitting to do a little story on Rob and Laurie. I asked them 3 questions relative to their years of service to the club. The answers were prepared by both and presented by Laurie.

1. Who and or what inspired you to become a Norwich Lion?

I first learned about Lions when Jay Van Arman invited Rob to a meeting. Once Rob became a member I became interested in helping with the Fair. The Fair was a great event and meant so much to the community, I wanted to help out. After helping for a few years I decided I might as well become a member and participate full time. I had really grown to love the people involved with Lions and enjoyed seeing them twice a month at our meetings.

2. What do you find most rewarding about being a member of the Norwich Lions Club?

The thing I find most rewarding about the Norwich Lions is helping others. The Lions do a great thing by hosting a wonderful community event with the Fair, in order to raise money to help those in need.

3. How did your participation as a member of the Norwich Lions Fair Committee help the Norwich Lions club achieve their fundraising goals for 2017?

This year I was in charge of the silent auction and meadow muffins sales. Both events had a record year raising the most money they ever have! My silent auction committee was superb with Donna Wheeler, Jay Van Arman, and Jim and Tom Southworth bringing in the bulk of the donations. Tremendous sales of Meadow Muffins led by Demo Sofronas and Phil and Donna Wheeler allowed us to sell all 500 Meadow Muffin plots for I believe the first time ever. Neither of these events could have been successful without the whole club pitching in. I am grateful for all the work everyone did.

For the record, the Norwich Fair is the Norwich Lions Club largest annual fundraising event. We raise over \$20,000, which we donate to various organizations and individuals in need.

—Lion Demo Sofranos is chair of public relations and communications activities for the Norwich Lions Club.

Club News Norwich



From left, Lions Rob and Laurie Sabatelle, and Norwich King Lion Warren Thayer



Eye Glass Recycling Instructions

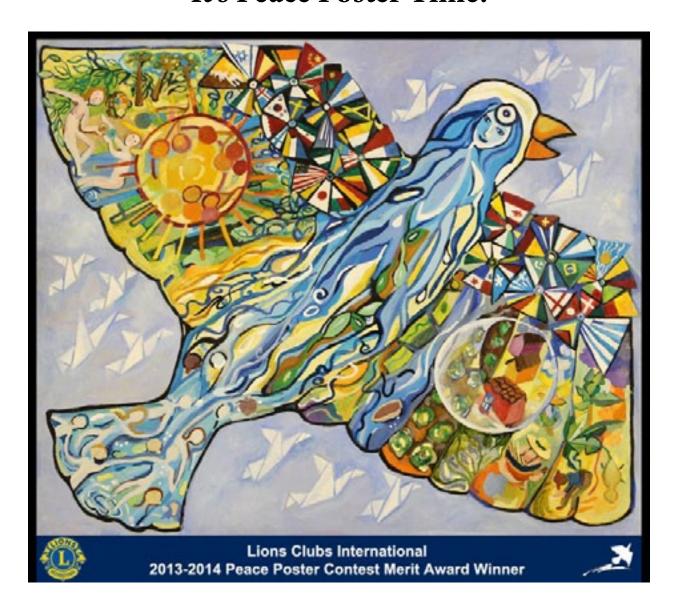
We need your assistance again. At the last Cabinet meeting clubs did a terrific job turning in their eyeglasses for recycling, but we made work for the Vergennes Lions because not all clubs prepped their donations as necessary.

- We want eyeglasses not cases. Remove any eyeglass cases and discard or recycle the cases. We only need the eyeglasses to be turned in.
- 2) Write your FULL Club Name and the count of glasses in the box on the outside of the box. These boxes will be transported in the back of a pickup at 72 mph...any loose note will be blown away...and at least one was.
- 3) Seal the box firmly for transport. The box will not be opened until it gets to New Jersey so ensure that only glasses are inside.

Finally many folks were asking for an address so that they could hand deliver their glasses. The district's glasses are being consolidated at Lion Brad Howe's home in Vergennes. The physical address (not the mailing address) is 125 Sunset Knoll, Vergennes, VT. Please call Brad at 802-759-2141 prior to delivering to ensure that he will be there to receive.

Lion Randy from Middlebury Lions will continue to transport glasses from cabinet meetings to Brad's home, so feel free to continue to bring them to cabinet meetings. You can even bring them to the spring convention, but those won't count for this year's total for competition purposes...but they will count toward next year's competition.

It's Peace Poster Time!



To all Clubs:

Lions International is celebrating thirty (30) years of sponsoring the International Peace Poster Contest. The theme for 2017-2018 is "The Future of Peace".

Please order your kits and contact your local schools or youth service organizations to encourage our youth to become involved in this contest to express artistically their interpretation of the "Future of Peace". We have certainly seen much talent from our youth over the past few years and hope you will consider introducing youth in your communities to the wonderful world of Lionism. It is never too early to get our youth involved!!

Thank you.

Lion Carmelita Peace Poster Chair 2016-2017

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Charities) to receive donations from eligible
purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon
will remember your selection, and then every
eligible purchase you make at
smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Just remember to go to smile.amazon.com for all your future shopping.

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 tasting legacy of your service contributions.



Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results

Over 18,500 Children Screened This Year!

September 1, 2016 - May 20, 2017

Club	Number of Schools	Number of Children	Number of Referrals	Number of Adults
Arlington/Bennington/ NorShaft	27	1,976	185	38
Barre	20	3,050	271	33
Brandon Forest Dale	10	413	40	
Brattleboro	1	8		
Castleton	12	1,648	180	18
Colchester/Essex	24	2,916	268	82
Enosberg	4	565	52	
Granville	2	108	13	
Georgia	1	63	5	
Heartland	1	140	17	
Londonderry Area	6	529	n/a	
Manchester	5	735	72	
Middlebury	26	1,309	110	12
Orleans	1	54	10	
Richford	3	564	61	33
Springfield	33	3,859	371	102
Troy & Area	4	384	30	
Whitingham-Halifax	2	210	19	
Williston	1	65	2	
Total:	183	18,596	1,706	318

If your Club's screening has not been reported here, please contact Phylis Porio at norshaftlions@aol.com

Thanks to all the Lions who participated in this project this academic year. You Roar!

Editor's Corner

A Quick Note from the Editor:

Please help the Communique remain on schedule by doing the following:

- 1. Submit by the 20th of the month for the following month's Communique
- 2. Pick 3-5 pictures, maximum to submit (per event) and please tell us who is in the pictures, what club they represent and what event the photo was taken at.
- 3. Please proof your work before submitting it. We will quickly check spelling but you'll need to make sure that names/dates/locations are correct.

Thank you in advance! Lion Amy Herrmann

Please follow these simple steps:

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

<u>1st:</u> When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put 'For Communique' in the subject line of the email. Emails to <u>communique@vermontlions.org</u> 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 9, 2017(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

<u>3rd:</u> 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.

<u>Lastly:</u> 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.