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Tommy Walz Writes:

Imagine this: you are working for a company that has 37 branches around the state. It's a good company that does and makes things that people need and want. The management and workers are dedicated and try hard to produce a good product.

There's one hitch. The 37 branches don't talk to one another. On a good month, management is lucky to hear from 1/3 of them. While you're imagining this situation, also imagine just how long this company is going to last.

Unfortunately, that is our situation in District 45. On good months, we heard from 8 or 9 clubs on their membership and their activities. Thanks to the efforts of PDG Bill Moulton and others, we increased the reporting percentage to just under 50% for the month of August.

Secretaries, we need to hear from you monthly. Two reports are essential: the activity report and the membership report. Both are available on the LCI website, but you can also submit them by hand. The mode of reporting is not important; it's the report itself that we need to function properly. And you need to report to both LCI and the district.

Some secretaries still have the mistaken impression that the district governor gets a report from LCI on your activities and membership changes. That is not correct. LCI does send out monthly summaries, but the details are missing.

If we talk to one another, we can do a better job of what it is we do well: helping the needy.

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On September 19, a good many of us climbed onto buses and traveled to Fenway where we watched the Red Sox beat the Orioles 3-1 in a great game. It was a fundraiser for Vermont Lions Charities, and it went off very well. We should be able to report the final income figures at the October cabinet meeting. It was a great time, with Lions from Barre, Brandon-Forestdale, Castleton, Colchester, Essex Junction, Middlebury, Springfield and St. Johnsbury on board. (My apologies if I left a club out.) There were even two Lions visiting from Illinois on board. Thanks to 1st VDG Ken Emery, PDG Stan Patch and CT Bob Brault for their work on this fun project. We could use a few more such events.

My official visits for October and November (so far):

Oct. 1 Norshaft

Oct. 8 Hinesburg

Oct. 9 Zone 2A/2B meeting in Brandon

Oct. 14 Norwich and White River Junction joint meeting

Oct. 15 Marble Valley

Nov. 18 Whitingham-Halifax

We've again attached the agenda, schedule and registration form for the October 19 cabinet meeting in Montpelier. Please note there are some new wrinkles in the schedule.

I've already heard from one club that nobody in that club will be attending. Why is that? Can't we have at least one representative from every club? And it amazed me to hear such an announcement when the registration process had barely started.

That brings me full circle. If we do not communicate, if we do not collaborate, if we do not take advantage of training opportunities, we are doing ourselves and the people we are dedicated to serving a disservice.

Let's see if we can get at least one Lion from each club at every cabinet meeting. Is that too much to ask?

There is one area in which our communications are shining. More and more clubs are submitting their news and projects to the communiqué and our website. Keep it up! Especially when a good Lions story appears on our website, it is there for the entire world to see.

See you October 19.

DG Tommy Walz

Essex Junction Food Booth at the Champlain Valley Fair



Lion Mario Marcoux and PID Jules Cote



VDG Ken Emery, PDG Betsy MaGee, and Lion Judy Moulton

Vermont Lions Charities Annual Meeting

The 20th annual Vermont Lions Charities meeting will be held as **part of District Governor Tommy Walz's Fall Conference, Saturday, October 19th** at the Capitol Plaza, Montpelier Vermont.

Business to be conducted is to include, but not limited to, the election / vote for the Treasurer's position, for the term of 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2016.

If you have any items to be discussed, please do not hesitate to contact VLC President, VDG Ken Emery at 802.578.7483 or 1stvdg@d45lions.com

Please see registration for Conference in Communiqué

Vergennes Lions Club has a new meeting space!

The Vergennes Lions club has moved from the American Legion Hall to St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes. The meeting time begins with hors d'oeuvres at 6:15 and dinner served at 6:45. Meals will be prepared by Lisa Cloutier, owner of The Bridge Restaurant, along with Alison Martin.

Please submit results and photos of your events and fun activities – we'd love to share them with the District in this Communiqué!!

E-mail me: Macky

Know someone that isn't receiving this newsletter? Send me their e-mail address so I check that I have the accurate information. Also, have them check "junk" mail folder and add mgaines@middlebury.edu to safe addresses.



Chester Lions Club fundraiser

Our organization needs your help. For every purchase made on this site Flower Power Fundraising will give 50% back to Chester Lions Club. A Personal Message from the Campaign Manager

The Chester Lions Club is raising funds to be able to do sight and hearing projects in our community. We appreciate your help thank you.

- Fundraiser Start Date: 09/11/2013
- Fundraiser End Date: 10/30/2013
- Days Remaining: 37
- Fundraiser Goal: \$500

Here's How You Can Help:

1. Make a Purchase!

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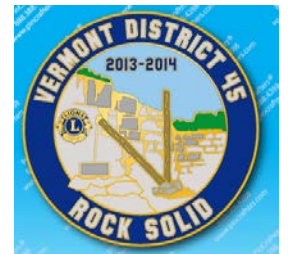
3. Post on Facebook

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Pin Prices

I have the district pin, "Rock Solid" and the personal pin, "We Reach Out." We've decided to offer them for \$3.00 apiece or both together for \$5.00.



I also have some of PDG Sherry Lee Juire's and PDG Steve Simpson's pins and will offer them for \$2 apiece.

The pins will be available for purchase at the cabinet meetings, and could also be at zone meetings if so desired. Buying a pin supports the district, and I encourage Lions to pitch in.

If a club wants to order a quantity of them, please let me know.

The Manchester Lions Club is excited to announce the return of the “Elf Express™” featuring Christopher Pop-In-Kins®. This Holiday train ride was such an overwhelming success last year, the Lions decided to make it a yearly event. The 2nd Annual Elf Express™ will depart r.k. Miles Depot Station in Manchester Center, Vermont on Saturday, December 21 and Sunday, December 22, 2013 and take its riders on a one hour enchanting journey through the Green Mountains of Southern Vermont.



During the ride, passengers will be entertained with song and dance routines by the Elves of the Theater and Dance program of Burr and Burton Academy. They will be under the direction of Broadway and Hollywood song and dance man, Jim Raposa. The elves will be serving refreshments along with an abundance of holiday cheer. Adding to the memories of the “Elf Express™”, the elves will be reading a story about Christopher Pop-In-Kins® and how he reports to Santa on who has been naughty and nice. Don’t be surprised if Santa and Mrs. Claus make an appearance with a special gift for all the kids. Make sure you bring your camera to capture those special moments. Green Mountain Railroad’s vintage cars will depart each day at 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm and 4:00pm. Tickets must be bought in advance and passengers are encouraged to purchase them early as seating is limited. Last year was a sellout and most passengers are returning to ride the “Elf Express™” again, so don’t miss this opportunity.

Tickets are already selling fast. The ticket prices are \$25.00 for adults (ages 13 and over), \$20.00 for children (ages 2 – 12) and lap riders under 2 are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com and in person at the Manchester and the Mountains Chamber of Commerce, located at 39 Bonnet Street in Manchester. In addition, the Manchester Lions are selling Christopher and Christina Marie Pop-In-Kins book sets that include a pose-able figure along with a storybook and storage case for \$19.95. These are available online when you purchase your tickets, at the Chamber of Commerce and Pam’s Hair Studio, 173 Bonnet Street, Suite 4 (please call ahead 802-362-1645).



The Manchester Lions Club has been helping local families and charitable organizations for over 60 years. A sampling of charities supported include Manchester Food Cupboard, Arlington Food Shelf, Interfaith Counsel, United Counseling Service, Austine Camp, Vermont Reading Partners, Second Chance Animal Center, Bart J. Ruggiere Adaptive Sports Center, Burr and Burton Performing Arts, Ski for Heat and over 30 more. Our motto is “We Serve”.

Visit our website at www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com and Facebook page at <http://www.Facebook.com/ManchesterLionsElfTrain> for updates and more information. Make sure you “LIKE” us and “SHARE” our page! You can also call the Chamber at 800-362-4144 or email us at LionsElfExpress@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on the Manchester Lions “Elf Express™”.

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

October 2013	
1	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Norshaft Lions Club
2	Zone 2C Meeting Bennington - 6 pm - Jensen's Restuarant - Focus: Membership
4	The Barre Lions Club will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary with a dinner on Friday evening October 4 at the Barre Canadian Club. There will be presentations on the clubs' founders, the happenings in Barre in 1938, and a featured speaker on what it means to be a Lion. Save the date cards will be mailed soon, Contact Lion Rick Theken at 479-9002 for information.
5-7	NELC Melvin Jones Fellow Weekend Keene, New Hampshire
8	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Hinesburg Lions Club
9	Zones 2A & 2B will be holding a joint Zone meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 @ Cattails Restaurant, Brandon, Vt. Members of the following clubs are encouraged to attend: Brandon-Forestdale, Castleton, Marble Valley, Middlebury, Pittsford, Route 100 & Vergennes. Pre-registration is required. Clubs will need to contact, by phone or email, their respective Zone chairpersons by Wednesday, October 2 with the number attending from their individual clubs. For Zone 2A call or email Lion Ed Langlois @ 877-0098, edwardlanglo@gmail.com & for Zone 2B, call or email PDG Stan Patch @ 468-5001, stanandmamie@myfairpoint.net . Please note that Zone meetings are open to all club members.
14	District Traveling Lion capture date Currently at the Norwich Lions, capture date, Monday October 14 (this will be a joint meeting of the White Jct Lions & the Norwich Lions with an official visitation of DG Tommy Walz.) Meeting location: Shepard's Pie Restaurant(near Quechee Gorge, Route 4), time of meeting: 6:00 PM. To those traveling, numbers need to be called in by Thursday, October 10. Call or email: Lion Demo Sofronas at 649-1536, or demo.georgia@gmail.com District Governor Tommy Walz will be attending.
15	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Marble Valley Lions Club
15	Big Dine Out Raffle Tickets Mailed by Oct 15th! VDG Ken Emery, 146 Eagle Park Dr., Colchester, VT 05446
19	District 45 Fall Conference The 20th annual Vermont Lions Charities meeting will be held as part of District Governor Tommy Walz's Fall Conference, Saturday, October 19th at the Capitol Plaza, Montpelier Vermont. This will include the 20 th annual Vermont Lions Charities meeting.
November 2013	
18	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club
30	St. Johnsbury Area Lions Annual Country Craft Fair at the Fieldhouse of the St. Johnsbury Academy from 10am to 3pm. Check the St. Johnsbury Area club website for more information and registration forms. Additional information is available from King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams. Lunch will be available and a cookie walk will be held. Contact King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams at patrickmcwilliams09@gmail.com
December 2013	
21/22	Manchester Lions Club Elf Express Holiday Train – Departs r.k. Miles Depot Station in Manchester Center, VT on Saturday, Dec 21 and Sunday, Dec 22 for a one hour jouney that includes entertainment by Elves of the Theater and Dance program of Burr and Burton Academy. Refreshments will be served with lots of holiday cheer. Train departs at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Get your tickets early – they're selling fast! www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com



St. Johnsbury Area Lions Club

P.O. Box 366, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819

Patricia Johnston-McWilliams: President -- Judy Moulton: Secretary/Treasurer



“Thank You !!”

This has been a very busy, sometimes frustrating but mostly invigorating start to this new Lions year. The inspiration of DG Tommy and the fresh ideas and accompanying energy he has brought forth have been a breath of fresh air. Air that I have ingested to the point of near intoxication at times causing me to become possibly over energetic with my efforts towards the Club Secretary Seminar program and now Speak Out '14.

My drive has been to the point where I have had to rely on my wonderful wife, partner, advisor Lion Judy to help draw back on the reins a bit so as not to alienate some with whom I have tried to “encourage” to take up the computer and “report on line” to LCI.

I have had the experience of talking with some of you and it has been terrific. Usually it solves any misunderstanding that I create with my emails. There have been others who have been great with advice. They have come forward and shared openly and freely as we work together to help reach D45 Governor Tommy’s goal of 100% Club Reporting to LCI. Then there is Lion Judy who has put up with my relentless driving from behind the scene and has called time out now and then and called me back to earth just in time to save a larger problem from developing.

So to Lion Judy and all Club Secretaries of D45 I say to you:

“Thank You !!”

Thank you for all that you do. We are all volunteers and you CLUB SECRETARIES are the most important officers in your club and you are appreciated for ALL THAT YOU DO!!

I am happy to “Reach Out” and congratulate you and wish you well in our quest in the direction of a “Rock Solid” year with our DG Tommy Walz.

Lion Bill Moulton, PDG
Secretary Seminar Leader



St. Johnsbury Area Lions Annual Country Craft Fair

November 30th at the Fieldhouse of the St. Johnsbury Academy from 10am to 3pm. Check the St. Johnsbury Area club website for more information and registration forms. Additional information is available from King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams. Lunch will be available and a cookie walk will be held. Contact :King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams at patrickmcwilliams09@gmail.com

[Craft Fair Web Page](#)





Vermont Lions District 45
Fall Convention
Saturday October 19, 2013
Capitol Plaza
Montpelier, Vermont
Schedule of Events (subject to change)

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Cabinet Treasurer

Lion Bob Brault
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- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Registration
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Honorary Committee
- 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Promotion Row
- 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Fundraising: Silent Auction, 200 club, 50/50 raffle
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.: Welcome Ceremonies
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Work Session Number 1
Vermont Lions Charities: VDG Ken Emery
Zone Chairs & Club Membership Chairs, Part I: GMT Coord. Rob Keith
Secretary / School: PDG Bill Mouton
Tail Twister / Lion Tamer School: Lion Harry Curth
Sight and Hearing: (Lions Linda Eastman & Carmelita Belisle)
Austine / Green Mountain Lions Camp: PDG Stan Patch
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.: Break
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Work Session Number 2
New Member Orientation
President School: PDG Steve Simpson
Zone Chairs & Club Membership Chairs, Part II: GMT Coord. Rob Keith
Diabetes Screening Training: Donna Bizon
Roundtable Discussions: Fundraising
Service Projects
General Discussion
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch Guest Speaker: Dan Norris, VABVI
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Cabinet Meeting (see cabinet agenda)



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Registration Form**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club/District Position: _____

Phone: _____

Home Club: _____

Option 1:
Includes Registration and morning break:

\$11 pp x _____ (number attending) \$ _____ (total)

Option 2:
Includes Registration, morning break, and lunch:

\$36 pp x _____ (number attending) \$ _____ (total)

Please make your check payable to Vermont District 45 and send to:

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Please return completed registration form to
CT Bob no later than October 12, 2013. For overnight
accommodations, contact the Capitol Plaza at 802-223-5252

Fall Convention Agenda

October 19, 2013

Agenda

- Call to Order: DG Tommy Walz
- Introduce PIDs and PDGs: CS Betsy MaGee
- Roll Call of Clubs: CS Betsy MaGee
- Minutes of August Business Meeting: CS Betsy MaGee
- Financial Report: CT Bob Brault
- Vermont Lions Charities: 1st VDG Ken Emery
- Hearing Aids and Eyeglasses Recycling: Lion Ed Langlois
- N E Lions Council: PDG Steve Simpson
- Opportunities for Youth:
 - Speak Out Contest - PDG Bill Moulton
 - Peace Poster - PDG Steve Simpson
 - Hart Memorial Scholarship – Lion Cathy Coulombe
- Fund Raising: Lions Cindy Berg and Loreen Teer
- Other Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Vermont Lions Charities – Time is running out to get your tickets!!

Fellow Lions of Vermont District 45,

The first meeting of the Vermont Lions year, 2013 - 2014, of Vermont Lions Charities (VLC), was held recently at the Cabinet Meeting in Chester.

A very strong discussion was held on how VLC can continue to meet the requests of Clubs of District 45 but also the keep up with the requests of residents of the State of Vermont that are without a Lions Club in their community. With the efforts of Lion Linda Eastman and Lion Carmelita Belisle, Co-Chairs of Vermont Lions District 45, and their assistants, Lions Connie LaPlumme of the Troy and Area club, Lion George Norfleet of the Springfield Lions Club and Lion Sally Wilder of the St. Johnsbury and Area club, we believe we will be able to handle the task ahead of us.

The board approved assistance for the Jericho Underhill Lions Club for a resident of need, reviewed a request for two other clubs for financial assistance of which both were tabled until more information was available. We also received a request from Lion Travis Lebel, co-chair of the Nellie Hart Memorial Award which was tabled until the October meeting.

At DG Tommy's Fall Conference, Saturday October 19th, VLC will hold its annual meeting. More on this can be found elsewhere in the Communique.

I want to bring to your attention the present fundraiser that VLC is hosting. The 'Big Dine Out Raffle'. By now, all club presidents should have received tickets for this year's event. Each region has at least 15 restaurants participating, which the grand prize winner will win all \$50 certificates for that region (estimated value \$750). There are approximately 30 \$25 certificates as second place winners.

Each ticket is \$20 a piece, 3 for \$50. If someone would like to purchase 3 tickets, they do not have to be all from one region. As part of this communique is a list of the restaurants per region. Drawing will be held at the Fall Conference so all purchased tickets must be returned to VDG Ken Emery (in the mail by October 15th) or in person at the Fall Conference.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or anyone of the VLC Board members.

Yours in Lionism,
VDG Ken Emery

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