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Happy Holidays
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All Zone Chairs
All Cabinet Members

HAPPY KWANZAA!
Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy Holidays

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Merry Christmas,

I hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful! What a different holiday we had. We are just happy to be healthy and ready to do Christmas.

For those of you who haven't heard we have cancelled the in-person January cabinet meeting. Such will be held via Zoom. Information will be sent to all Presidents and Secretaries in hopes that they will share the link with their club members. I will be sending that link mid-December hopefully. I am new to all this hosting zoom but I am learning.

I am asking you all to wear a mask, keep your distance and wash your hands. We made it through this before and we will get through this again. Keep finding new ways to serve your communities. Let's not forget to keep ourselves safe at the same time.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy new year. Please share your events to the D 45 Facebook page so we can see what you are doing out there.

Please send me your zoom links, and a reminder, so I can visit via zoom. Be well stay safe we will all be together soon!

Yours in Service
DG Pam

District 45 Calendar

2020	District 45	2021
<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosts - Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 1, 2020	Deadline - Norshaft Lions Club Fuel Oil Raffle	Norshaft VT
December 1, 2020	50/50 Social Distancing Raffle Deadline - Heartland Lions Club	South Royalton Vt
December 4, 2020	Norwich Lions Club - Deadline - Raffle Extraordinaire	Norwich, VT
December 5, 2020	International Leo Day	International
December 5, 2020	Jericho Underhill Lions Club Raffle	Underhill VT
December 5, 2020	Arlington Lions Lighted Vehicle Scrambled	Arlington, VT
December 5, 2020	Vergennes Cashfest Raffle	Vergennes VT
December 5, 2020	2020 World Aid Day	Virtual
December 8, 2020	B B R A Lions Raffle	Randolph, VT
December 15, 2020	Brandon Forest Dale 2 Raffles End	Brandon, VT
January 9, 2021	District 45 - Winter Cabinet Meeting	To be determined
January 9, 2021	New England Lions Council Winter Meeting	To be determined
January 11 - 18, 2021	LCIF Week	International
January 13, 2021	Melvin Jones Birthday	International
February 15, 2021	International Childhood Cancer Day	International
<u>March 13, 2021</u>	District 45 - Spring Cabinet Meeting	Essex VT
<u>March 13, 2021</u>	District 45 - LCIF Super Raffle	Essex VT
March 20, 2021	Lion Day with the United Nations	New York, NY
May 7 - 9, 2021	District 45 - Spring Convention	Manchester VT Montreal, PQ, Canada
June 25 - 29, 2021	Lions Club International - International Convention	Canada

Don't see your club activities???
Email such to the Communiqué Editor
See it next month!!!!

District News



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.





December 2020

Vision Screening has begun! With only three clubs reporting in so far, it is a slightly slow start. However, considering the stop and starts we have experienced this school year I can honestly say I am pleased and a little surprised with the numbers reported in. Colchester has sent their numbers in - 690 students screened with 80 referrals, Springfield with 392 students screened with 45 referrals, and last, but definitely not least Vergennes reports in with 3805 students with 389 referrals! That is a total of 4887 students screened with 514 referrals (roughly 10%). This is close to the referral rate last year.

None of us knew what this school year was going to look like or whether in-school screenings would even happen. Fortunately, some nurses felt they could provide this service themselves with the use of our cameras. Others have worked very closely with our clubs and allowed our members passage into the schools while adhering to the Governmental guidelines that were set for them. Many clubs have still to screen, waiting to see if things are better later in the school year. Whatever the club's strategy, District 45 is proud of all our members and the commitment to all students and staff in providing this much needed service safely and comfortably.

For the clubs choosing to screen next school year, know that the staff and students will be most happy when they see your smiling faces with your cameras in tow again. This is a hard time for all of us, and knowing though we are not active in all the schools, school children and teachers can be reassured the Lions will be roaring again in the future and will provide this great service once again.

Last thought: For the clubs who have screened, PLEASE forward your results to me ASAP. I would like to report all our successes in the February issue of the Communique. This should include the nurse screenings as well. Thank you.

May you all have safe and happy holidays.

Lion Deb Savery,
Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator

Blast from the past segment:
(from the December 2014 Communique)



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES
27th. Annual Meeting - November 1, 2020
Holiday Inn - Rutland

Good afternoon DG Pam, 1st Vice District Governor, Carol, 2nd Vice District Governor, Kathy, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, Bob, PID Tom, VLC Board members, Vermont Lions & guests....

It is once again, my honor, to call to order the 27th Annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities.

As I state at almost every annual meeting, the mission of Vermont Lions Charities remains the same...a steadfast commitment to help our clubs with-in District 45 with funding for both community needs and projects and to assist those individuals in those areas of the state where there are no Lions clubs...a good example here would be in the area of eyeglass assistance. VLC also serves as a 501 c 3 and in doing so collects tax deductible donations.

**As of today, our major accomplishments for 2020 include the following:
. All though compromised by Covid 19, the Lions KidsSight USA Vision Screening program with a special thank you to all those D-45 "visionaries". VLC looks forward to our commitment to provide necessary funds to cover both insurance and maintenance and anticipate future requests relating the purchase of additional screeners. Last year at our annual meeting, I welcomed our new vision screening coordinator, Lion Deb Savery. Now, a year later, and on behalf of the VLC Board, I wish to thank her for her commitment.**

. Club donations to VLC.....\$6835.00. In this area, I urge clubs making such donations to consider making a \$500 to the Shared Vision fund and yes, name a Lion or an outstanding community member to the 500 Club..such funds to be used in the area of sight conservation.

. In the area of pediatric cancer, we continue to receive individual & club donations and I am extremely proud to say that we have provided \$500 stipends to (18) Vermont families dealing with childhood cancer. In continuing this effort, we have nearly \$15,000 "in the bank". We are also looking to form a partnership with a Children's Hospital in Boston.

Apparently, some southern Vermont families may be going out-of-state for treatments etc.. Will keep you all up-dated on perhaps forming another partnership.

- . We have provided, through August, \$7618.00 in eyeglass assistance; mostly in non-club areas
- . Recent involvement in hearing aid requests and approved (2) requests:
 - . \$2400
 - . \$1500
- . (2) \$5000.00 donations to the Vermont Food Bank.

Before concluding this meeting, we need to fill the position of treasurer for a (3) year term. Before opening the floor for nominations, I wish to add this comment: Lion Woody Stoodard has served in this position for 2 - 3 terms; that's 6 - 9 years and yes, he has done a tremendous job in keeping our accounts balanced & up-dated; even more importantly, transparent. Lion Woody's current term expires this month and I am pleased to announce that he wishes to serve another term.

I will now open the floor for nominations and in so doing, I need to advise that in running for such a VLC position, one needs to have qualified to run for the position of District Governor.

Lion Woody was nominated and elected to a new 3 year term. Congratulations!!!!

I want to thank all of you for your attention and in so doing, it is my honor to close the 27th Annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities.

Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., President
Vermont Lions Charities





FOURTH AND GOAL HAS BECOME!!!
Take your Passion, make some Traction,
get their Reaction!!!
MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE
Prize money for Admn. Funds.

Purpose of challenge: NEW MEMBERS!!!

Given the pandemic issues, challenge has been extended!!!

Original Time Period: 4/1/20 – 6/30/20, extended to September 30, 2020

Prizes to be drawn Fall Conference 2020 - 2021

This is a 2-section challenge

Section 1: Clubs with no new members as of 3 31 2020

Raffle: 1st \$100 2nd \$50 3rd \$25 4th \$15 5th \$10

For each member a club brings in, they will receive an entry into the raffle. One member, one entry, 5 members 5 entries. One prize per club

**1st: Londonderry Tri-Mountain Area 2nd: Swanton Missisquoi Valley
 3rd: Richford 4th: Brattleboro Area 5th: Jericho-Underhill**

**Section 2: Clubs who have brought in at least
 1 new member prior to 3 31 2020**

Raffle: 1st \$100 2nd \$50 3rd \$25 4th \$15 5th \$10

All clubs will automatic get one entry into raffle. For each new member they being in, they will receive an additional entry. BUT for each member they drop due to non-attendance or non-payment they will forfeit their entry into raffle. One prize per club.

1st: Readsboro 2nd: Heartland 3rd: Deerfield Valley 4th: Williston 5th: Springfield

FOR ALL CLUBS: 1st 20 members added to Clubs / Districts roster, will have their District dues for 2020 – 2021 paid for.

Clubs with new members 3/2020 - 9/2020	Added Members
Granville	4
Readsboro	3
Deerfield Valley	2
Heartland	2
Norshaft	2
Swanton Missisquoi Valley	2
Williston	1
Brattleboro Area	1
Jericho-Underhill	1
Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain	1
Richford	1

Credit to appear on the 2nd half installment of yearly dues.

Club News

Orleans Lions Club:

Good Morning IPDG Ken,

I hope all is well with you. Unfortunately, our Club is pretty much at a stand-still. Our Kids Christmas party is not happening, and we've canceled our Club's party. To make things even worse, the virus has up ticked in our area and some schools are closing down. So, as we hope and wait for this Virus to calm down, it's look like the Club is not going to be doing much, even having a hard time holding any simulants to a regular meeting, not good. What we will be doing is asking our members to donate for the Warm the Children Fund is leu of no Christmas party. Here's wishing you and yours a great Holiday Season. Till the next time.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion David Bolduc
Orleans Lions Club
Secretary

Derby Lions Club:

IPDG Ken,

Nothing happening in Derby. We are staying quiet and listening to the governor. We have not had any meetings, but check in with each other often. However, I am still delivering fruit baskets to the elderly this year! I have been able to get fruit donated (save's us money)! I also have all the baskets, stuffing and wraps to do this something that we spent 1500.00 a year to do cost us NOTHING!!!! I will have them all packaged and some of the lions members will help deliver by using social distancing and safety. I do not want any member with health concerns to take part at all with this. Safety first. I actually do not mind doing it alone it will take me 2 days but if it means keeping my second family safe than that is what i will do. Paul and I with our kids will prepare the fruit baskets!

I am really sad that the holiday festival will not happen this year, but you bet next year will be bigger and better than ever! I am hoping to add some exciting new adventures for families, xmas scavenger hunt would be one and maybe adding a Christmas dance to end the evening for families! so many idea's but we have plenty of time to put it all together.

I hope all is well and you all are healthy and safe!

Lion Amy Snider
Derby Lions Club
Secretary

Manchester Lions Club:



To All of our Beloved Elf Express Fans: 2020 has certainly thrown some curve balls at all of us! With that said, the Elf Express has not been spared. In light of cross-state travel restrictions, gathering limitations and increased cases, the Elf Express will not be leaving the station this year. We still need your support, now more than ever, so please be on the lookout for our upcoming fundraisers to help us get 'back on track!'

Club Raffles, Raffles, Raffles:

The Norwich Lions Club, Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club, Norshaft Lions Club, Braintree Brookfield Randolph Area (B B R A) Lions, Heartland Lions Club and the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club are finishing up raffles the first part of this month. Please see the November issue of the Communique for more information.



Arlington Lions Club:

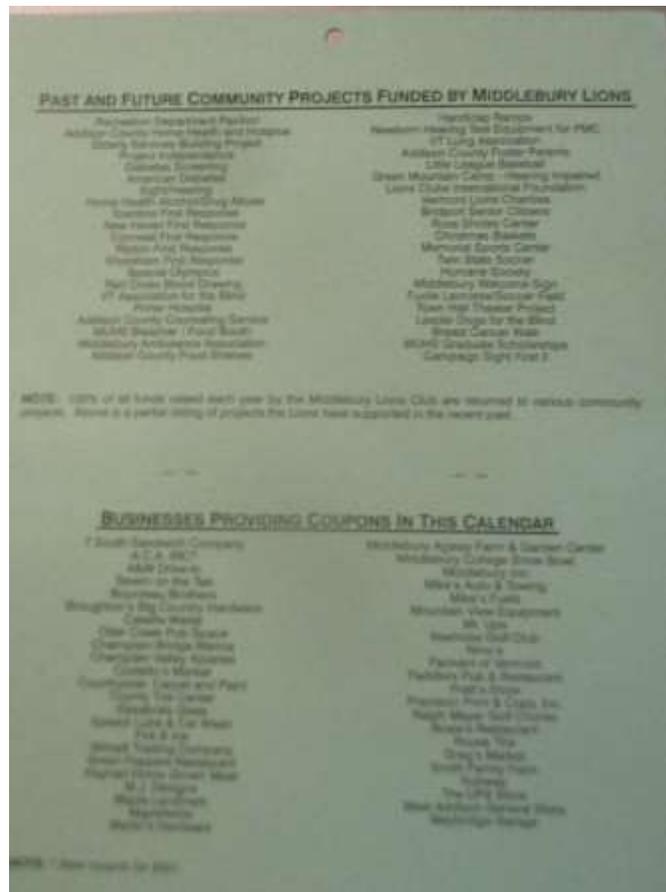


Middlebury Lions Club:

On Oct. 21st we completed vision screening for this year's 1,611th child...and we still have many more schools to go before we finish in November. Of particular note was a kindergartner we screened who was found to have a significant vision issue that the parents were unaware of. Within two weeks we were able to coordinate a full eye exam at a local optometrist and purchased glasses for the child so can see the world clearly. It's outcomes like this that make being a Lion worthwhile and impactful.

We will again be screening preschools and day care kids starting in May of 2021. If you would like to sign up your day care please contact us at middleburylionsclub@yahoo.com

Hey, FB friends... just a heads up that the Midd. Lions are already selling their 2021 calendars. As most of you know, generous businesses contribute redeemable coupons to their establishments, AND you can win \$\$ EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR if you are incredibly lucky because your name is put back in after each daily draw. While we don't know of anyone who has been THAT lucky, some people have won more than once during the course of the year. The minimum amount is \$20 and the maximum (Christmas) is \$300. Our Lions Club was not able to hold all of our regular fundraising events due to Covid-19 so our calendar sales are especially important this year. As always, all profits are donated back to people and organizations in the community. They are only \$20 and the redeemable coupons more than make up the price of the calendar. They make a great gift. If you are interested, please let us know and we will see that you get one... or two... or three... or more...like we said, they make great gifts! Thanks for your continued support of our club!



Put health and safety first by following COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC, WHO or local health authorities. Visit our [Serving Safely](#) page for resources to help you safely serve your community.

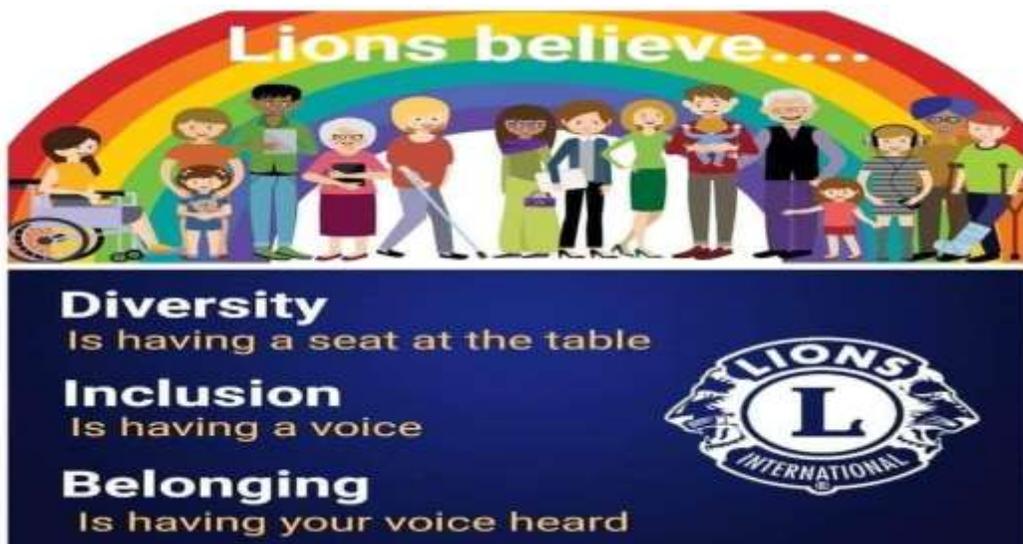
Essex Jct. Lions Club:



Lion Doris Maynard speaking at the Veterans Day Service at the Veterans Memorial Park. Co-President Mary Tewarson presenting check for \$500 to the VFW for Thanksgiving meals for veterans and Military Families.



Lion Ann Gray helping out at polls in Essex Junction. Co-President Tom Stone and Lion Doris Maynard presenting 'Words for Thirds' dictionaries at the St. Francis Xavier School in Winooski.



Granville Lions Club:

At their Nov. 3 dinner meeting, the Granville Lions Club hosted members of the North Granville Hose Company. The firefighters demonstrated the latest in technical equipment used in the fire service, and discussed current important issues in firefighting. The Lions Club invited the firefighters because they had learned that the fire company was raising funds to purchase new air packs for their members, and that they were \$3,600 short of the money needed. Members of the Lions Club voted to donate the needed \$3,600 and presented the fire company with a check at the meeting. Pictured are Linda Ellingsworth, president of the Granville Lions Club; Phil Weaver, treasurer of the Granville Lions Club Foundation; Scott McCullen, chief of the North Granville Hose Company; and Tim Tipton, interior firefighter with the fire company.

Linda Ellingsworth, President Granville Lions Club



Deerfield Valley Club:



PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2020

From left: Moxie Crafts, Lion Jason Staloff, Kiara Crafts, Islynn Crafts and Lion CB Goldstein

600,000 11-13 year old students worldwide have participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Competition. This year's theme was "Peace Through Service". The Deerfield Valley Lions Club is proud to announce our first prize & statewide winner Islynn Crafts. Kiara Crafts won second prize.

Thank you, Lion Jason Staloff

Braintree Brookfield Randolph Area Lions Club:
(Branch club of Heartland Lions Club)



Scenes from the BBRA food drive held Friday November 13th and Saturday November 14th at Shaw's Supermarket in Randolph, benefit to Randolph Food Shelf.



Norshaft Lions Club:



Northshaft Lions Club delivered 1260 pounds of food to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in North Bennington. Our friends and neighbors need our help more than ever during this pandemic. Food pantries report seeing a record increase in the number of people needing help, with an average increase of 60% across the country. In this time of uncertainty, the Northshaft Lions Club is committed to making sure everyone has the food and supplies they need. BUT we cannot do it alone, we need your help! Please consider helping us support the growing needs of the communities we serve. 🙏

Vergennes Lions Club:



Another Vergennes Lions Project completed on 11/9.

Vergennes Lions staying busy during COVID-19

VERGENNES — Even with the restrictions of COVID-19, the Vergennes Lions are busy helping the needy and trying to raise needed funds.

Last month, several members installed an accessible ramp on a home in Monkton to allow the resident to leave their home. They also helped purchase eyeglasses for a couple of individuals, and donated some funds to help a local youth install a net at the high school as part of his effort to become an Eagle Scout.

The club has been selling vehicle raffle tickets, and the lucky recipients were drawn at last week's meeting held at Porky's Barbeque in New Haven. The convertible Mustang was won by Bernadette LaBerge of Ferrisburgh. Porky's Barbeque was won by Matt Deblois of Ferrisburgh, and the Ferrisburgh Bake Shop pie for a year was won by Gerald Dudley of Whitehall, N.Y.

Several other events and fundraisers are planned or already started. Cash for Christmas raffle tickets are now available by contacting any Lions Club member, writing Vergennes Lions Club, PO

Box 94, Vergennes, VT 05491 requesting the number of tickets desired, or by calling Lion Debbie Brace at 802-324-1758. Tickets are \$10 for one, \$20 for three, or \$40 for eight. The drawing will be held on Dec. 5 and one winner will take home half of the revenue from the ticket sales. Last year, the winner won over \$2,000.

On Oct. 31, at 2 p.m., club members will be helping with the Trunk or Treat Halloween give away at the American Legion parking lot on Armory Lane.

On Nov. 1, Toys for Kids barrels will be located at several businesses around town for folks to drop off toys for children who wouldn't otherwise have toys at Christmas. Cash donations are also accepted for the club to give gift cards to teenagers in need.

Just before Thanksgiving, club members will be collecting food items to go into Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families. Last year, the Rotary Club helped with the collection and distribution.

Last month club treasurer Donna Corcoran was recognized by receiving the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest award



VERGENNES LIONS TREASURER Donna Corcoran, center, recently received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest award given by Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Photo/Larry Simino

given by Lions Clubs International Foundation. In presenting the award, Past District Governor Larry Simino mentioned Lion Donna's 15 years of Lions membership, including the many committees she

has worked on. Also mentioned were her many years on the Bixby Library Board of Trustees serving as treasurer and nearly 15 years on the building committee.

Heartland Lions Club:



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Please see the 'General News' section for more news about holiday events by clubs of District 45!!!!

New England News

Words from International Director Candidate PCC PDG John Youney – District 41 Maine

Welcome to my campaign office - my home! Since mid-March, Karol and I, like most of you, have been hunkered down. We all thought sure that this too will have passed by now. As the autumn has seen either a second surge or just more of the first surge, we find that this will continue to some indefinite point when a vaccine is in place. So the campaign continues in “virtual”, just as many of you are doing.

The response has been tremendous from all over Maine and New England - Thank you all for your support.

On October 24, the New England Lions Council that was to have been in southern Maine was held entirely by Zoom since the Maine governor (the political one!) said Rhode Islanders still could not come to Maine without a two-week quarantine here in Maine, and had only allowed Massachusetts residents entry a few days earlier. The officers and directors pivoted early and set up a great session for the day. The highlight was sLCI 2VP Lion Brian Sheehan appearing by Zoom. His message reminded us that all Lions do world-wide starts right here in our home clubs. And while we all dread “membership” he did give us the news that NAMI is the model of the future as while CA I and II are the current focus, CA IV Europe as well as Japan and Australia are in the same trajectory as North America. Our work here will be replicated throughout the world.

On Thursday evening, November 5, I teleported to the ethersphere of MD 33 Y, aka southeastern Massachusetts and the Cape for their Cabinet Advisory Meeting. I swear that the attendance was phenomenal as with Zoom you can see the participant total at any given moment. Lion DG Sandy Fife had numbers that bounced as members joined and left the meeting, with a high that I noticed of 66 computers joined at one time. Given that some had Lion spouses, I would say that DG Sandy had 75 -85 attendees. Sandy ran a tight ship and kept everything moving. She even gave me a couple of minutes to campaign to a friendly audience. I trust I did not abuse her favor! It was good that they were virtual as the next day the (M)ass-gathering limit from their political governor dropped to 10 people.

Sunday, November 8, saw me and some others joining an in-person gathering of the NH MD 44 N Cabinet Meeting in Hillsboro. They spent the morning doing NAMI with PID Lion Ed Farrington live-on-air! Their district project that day collecting pet food featured a guest speaker from the Monadnock Animal shelter. I had an extended conversation with her while we were both stuck in that ethersphere together. Yes glitches do occur but it was rectified and we both ended in the meeting at the same time. DG Lion Alan ran a smooth meeting also running through all the District’s programming swiftly. And the Tail Twister even managed laughs, such as when she fined Lion Scott, PDG, for apparently falling to have shaved. And thank you Alan for allowing me to again campaign in the state of my birth.

The joy of participating in these districts’, and the others I have been attending, inner operations is amazing. Last year, the campaign committee with Karol and I were able to participate in the big district events of mid-winters and conventions. We met local Lions and the international guests both. It was great fun. But this involvement is just as important and rewarding to me!

My home District, SD41, is scheduled for an in-person cabinet meeting this Sunday, November 15. We shall see! Even last year, 41 had gone “virtual” with both Zoom and Iphone apps just due to the long distances between that bridge in Kittery and the potato fields of Aroostook County. That is in place, and we may have more there than in-person. And given the sudden ramp-up of positivity, and our state governor’s strict controls, I would not be surprised to see our 50 person reduced limit halved again, or even less by then. Again, the current reality of Lionism.

And on that note: Lions are in the people business, whether we are at the front door of our clubhouses, or on the street doing service. But what of the Lions looking at our backdoor? Many of us are past 60! Some of my club’s members are in their 80s and still active. But during this pandemic, they do not feel safe working a project. Or attending a meeting. And some do not have Zoom capacity, or so they think. Talk to them! There a project tasks that they can do from home, with only pen/paper and a phone. And your more tech-savvy members can show them how to participate virtually, even only by phone audio!. Let’s keep those Lions feeling needed, wanted and valuable. Keep that back door closed!.

Remember - Montreal 2021! Register now! Please!
Lion John W. Youney, PDG Endorsed Candidate for ID



IPDG Dawn Rice Norton, District 33K, presented information on Service, the main purpose of Lions and Lions Club International. Here are a few select slides from such presentation:



SERVICE:

- ◆ Meets Need and is one of the main reasons many members join/stay
- ◆ GREAT opportunity to collaborate-even internationally
- ◆ Doesn't need to stand alone-can be added to events
- ◆ Only limited by imagination!
- ◆ Often a steppingstone-to bigger projects, new members, even specialty Clubs
- ◆ Many projects are funded by LCIF grants
- ◆ NOT limited to LCI Focus Areas
- ◆ "Feel GOOD" opportunities
- ◆ Provides GREAT PR opportunities
- ◆ Does not have to cost money

- ◆ Braille Trail/Sensory Play Area (Grant \$\$)
- ◆ Supply Collection For Service Dog Program
- ◆ Dining In The Dark Awareness Event
- ◆ White Cane Awareness Event
- ◆ Cornea Delivery
- ◆ Vision Screening

VISION



OCTOBER IS VISION
AWARENESS FOCUS MONTH

- ◆ Host Summer Lunches For Needy
- ◆ Food Pantry Collection
- ◆ Meals On Wheels delivery drivers
- ◆ Sponsor a Community Garden plot For local pantry
- ◆ Host A free community cookout
- ◆ Create Pantry/Closet for students in need

HUNGER



*food insecurity has increased
significantly during the
pandemic

- ◆ Pack diabetes episode kits for school nurses
- ◆ Educate at "Diabetes Friendly" meal
- ◆ Sponsor Community Garden plot for healthy eating
- ◆ Create & share a Resource Guide
- ◆ Online Resources/Blog
- ◆ Host A Symposium – Grant \$\$

DIABETES



NOVEMBER IS DIABETES FOCUS
AWARENESS MONTH

- ◆ Reading to patients/Activities for Pediatric Unit
- ◆ Gift card collection for family undergoing treatment
- ◆ Blood/ Marrow Drive
- ◆ Make a kid-friendly waiting/PLAY area-grant \$\$
- ◆ Host patients/families for a fun event
- ◆ Collaborate with "Make a Wish" or similar
- ◆ * PILOT PROGRAM FOR LCIF GRANTS-for patient and family support

PEDIATRIC CANCER



SEPTEMBER IS PEDI. CANCER
FOCUS MONTH

◆ Encourage People To Adopt At Least One 'Green' Habit

◆ Tree Planting

◆ Sponsor Social Media Program For Earth Day

◆ Create And Share A Resource Guide

◆ Restore A Natural Habitat

◆ Help At Local Nature Center

◆ Electronics Recycling Day

◆ Sponsor Water Bottle Refilling Bubblers In Schools

ENVIRONMENT



SERVING DURING COVID

- ◆ Caring for our own IS Service (& enables us to remain intact to serve later)
- ◆ Appropriately distance and protect yourselves and those you are serving
- ◆ COMMUNICATION is key-know the current restrictions
- ◆ PARTNERSHIPS are beneficial: T.E.A.M.
- ◆ The increased needs will last long after the pandemic (ex: Hunger)
- ◆ Mental health issues are significantly increased
- ◆ A call/check in can make a world of difference
- ◆ Take full advantage of Virtual events-instruction AND fun
- ◆ Take the opportunity to build infrastructure-trainings, grant writing...
- ◆ Use this time to review outdated P and Ps, ByLaws, etc
- ◆ Be creative-adapt your projects (drive thru meals, reverse parade, no-touch collections, online fundraisers...)
- ◆ We WILL survive this and be stronger in the end!

For more information or to obtain a link to the complete presentation, please contact PDG Liz Fenwick, NELC treasurer, District 45 NELC representative.



International News



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Dear Lion,

All Lions are united by a common spirit—and we express it in our own unique way. Your experience, character and culture enhance the incredible work your club is able to accomplish every day.

The opportunities within Lions are just as diverse as we are. We serve. We raise funds for the people who need us and the causes that matter to us. We lead in our clubs and in our communities, inspiring others through our actions. We invite others to join us so they can feel the power of service too. So let us embrace our diversity, and the many opportunities to be the difference as Lions.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



Fee Waivers for New Members

The need for kindness may be greater now than ever. With **entrance fee waivers for new members until December 31, 2020**, this is a great opportunity to invite service-minded men and women to join your club.

So let family, friends and colleagues know why you became a Lion, what it means to you, and most importantly, what it means to the people you serve. And then ask them to join you in service.

LCIF SightFirst 30th Anniversary Celebration

This year marks the 30th anniversary of SightFirst, one of Lions Clubs International Foundation's most impactful grant programs. Join us as we [celebrate our success](#) in helping millions of people worldwide become healthier, happier and more productive members of society.



As we look to what's ahead, remember that every gift to [Campaign 100](#) supports SightFirst and empowers Lions like you to continue serving the vision needs of your community. You can also show your support by submitting a vision-focused photo in the [Melvin Jones Photo Contest](#) now through December 31, 2020.



2020 WORLD AIDS DAY:
GLOBAL SOLIDARITY, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY
A LIVE STREAMING GLOBAL EVENT

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER
05
1:00 PM**

**PANEL DISCUSSION
FEATURING**

- 1. Tez Anderson
- 2. Hydeia Broadbent
- 3. Marvelyn Brown

This virtual event is free. To register in advance visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y3erpu8s>

AIDS Delaware **ChristiansCare** **AHF**

For more information contact Frank Hawkins at hawkins@aidsdelaware.org

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***, 2nd 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 10th ball, guaranteed 1 of 10 chance to win (if not virtual)
 - Tickets: \$75 no meals, \$90 includes 1 meal, \$100 includes 2 meals
 - 2nd 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 for information on the event, including ticket purchasing, room reservations and requesting prize donations from local businesses.

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 - 2nd 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 ~ 2nd 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

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 13th, 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

IPDG Ken Emery – 802-578-7483 – kpemery1960@gmail.com

PDG Betsy MaGee – 802-578-5188 - lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



What's in a word??



Bracelets for sale. \$10 each.

Will be great a present to give a friend, holiday present or just a 'thank you'

Make your own. Or choose a 'We Serve'.

District Governor Pam Nichols Benefit: Lions Club International Foundation

Please send request / information to
PCT Loreen Teer @ lionloreen2007@gmail.com or
IPDG Ken Emery @ kpemery1960@gmail.com
Delivery will be arranged.



General (HOLIDAY) News

Barre Lions Club:



December 4th, 5th and 6th
The Barre Lions Club will be holding
our annual Christmas tree sale.
We will be located at Tatro's
Appliance on 74 South Main Street
Barre.
We look forward to seeing you all
there.

Essex Lions Club:



Marine Corps League

TOYS FOR KIDS OF VERMONT

"2020" was almost a year without a Christmas – even though the Burlington Market Place will not be doing a tree lighting this year. "Toys For Kids" will still do Christmas with many changes to all our moving parts.

As you know, the pandemic has impacted the world (BIG TIME!!). It's like someone took a world made of Lego's © and shook it twice. The effect of Vermont Kids is our main concern at Christmas time. With all that kids have been through they should not lose their Christmas.

We have lost barrel locations (about 25) so far. We have lost monitors who empty the barrels, businesses closed, folks working from home. The agencies that we furnish toys to expect higher demand – at least 25% this year.

There were those who thought that this should be the year without a Christmas. I have been doing this for 59 years and this will not be a Non-Christmas for Vermont kids. We realize that many of you have been digging deep to help those in need. But (Toys For Kids) beg you to help one kid with one toy. As you know we are 100% volunteer (no one gets paid), and we also took it on the chin and have modified Toys For Kids for 2020. Many folks will be using other methods to help this year. Don't forget Vermont Merchants have taken it on the chin during the pandemic. So please help them when you can. You may also use PayPal ©. Checks may be sent to: Toys For Kids Of Vermont, PO Box 4092, Burlington, Vermont 05406-4092. Amazon © purchases may be shipped to: Toys For Kids, c/o Jerrihill Ace Hardware, 246 VT Rt 15, PO Box 298, Jericho, VT 05465.

Many of our red barrels will still be out there for your use. "One barrel – one toy." Look for our Toys For Kids coin cans. Money is used to buy VISA Gift Cards for the 15-17 year olds – usually \$35.00 each. We buy bulk through a local bank and must be done early.

So if you can help a kid during Christmas 2020 – we thank you!

You may also call John Welsh for more information – 802-872-0354.

Pandemic vs. Christmas: We believe that Christmas is more important to kids this year. We must help Christmas win.

Colchester Lions Club:

Colchester Lions Club

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales



Monday thru Friday 3:30 to 6:30pm
Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 6pm

Sales Begin
Saturday - November 28th

Being held at: Joann's Uniform & Embroidery Works
165 Heineberg Dr - Colchester

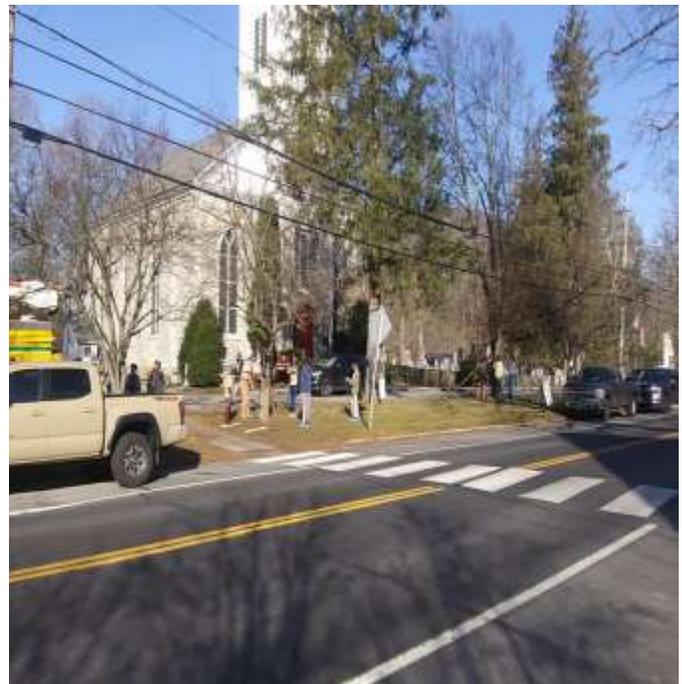
Face Masks and Social Distancing Required

Vergennes Lions Club:

Cash for Christmas
DRAWING DATE: December 5, 2020
50/50 - only one winner!
Win up to \$5,000 cash based on Ticket Sales!
\$10./1 ticket • \$20./3 tickets • \$40./8 tickets
Tickets available at Jackman Fuels or contact any Vergennes Lions Member or call
802.324.1758
Mail Checks To:
Vergennes Lions
PO Box 94
Vergennes, VT 05491



Arlington Lions Club:





ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB LIGHTED VEHICLE SCRAMBLE

DECEMBER 5TH FROM 4PM-5PM

Help spread some community holiday cheer by decorating your vehicle in dazzling holiday lights and cruise around our community. You can follow our lighted homes map or just scramble from street to street.

Submit a photo of your vehicle to the Lions Club Facebook page event or email nelsonillinski@gmail.com

Best entry receives a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Please follow all current health and safety guidelines



Memory Tree

Does your club do one?
Don't forget to take a picture of the 'final' tree and send it into the communique / news at Vermont Lions.
Great way to finish the holiday season!!



NorShaft Lions Club:



NORSHAFT LIONS CLUB
Christmas Tree Sales

Thursday & Fridays 5-7
Saturdays & Sundays 10-4

Sales Start
Saturday November 28th

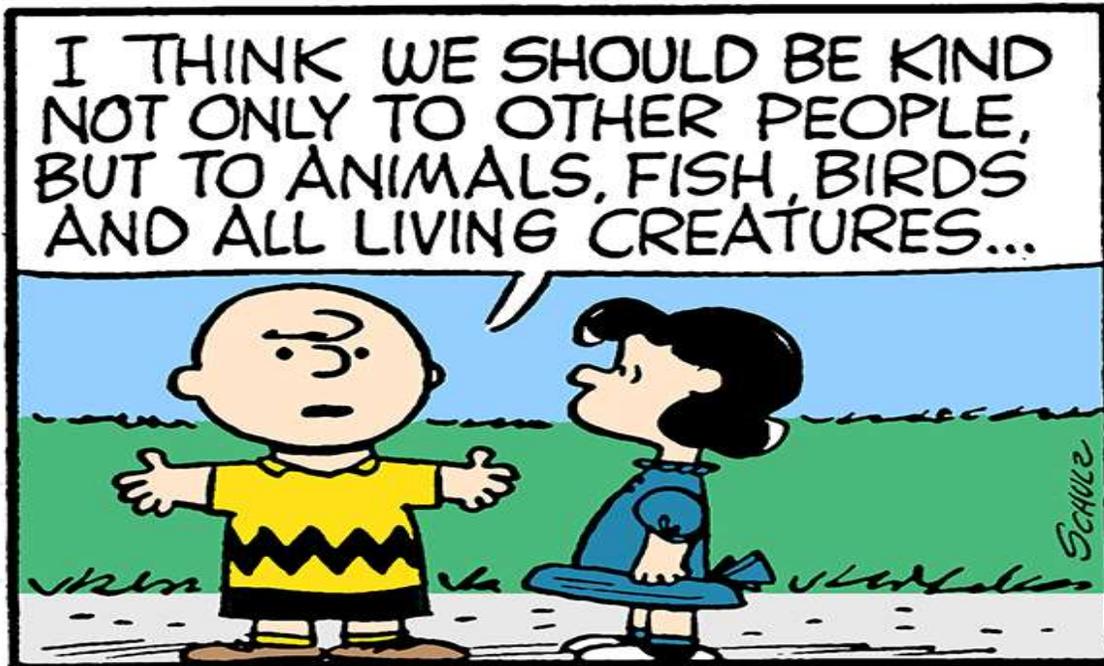
SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE , VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE, BENNINGTON, VT
Face Mask and Social Distancing Required

NorShaft Lions Christmas Display Competition



Towns of Shaftbury, North Bennington, Bennington, Pownal, Woodford
Theme: Christmas Past
When: December 19, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
See NorShaft Lions Club Facebook page for more information





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~ Note to Self ~

"What is my purpose in life?" I asked the void.

"What if I told you that you fulfilled it when you took an extra hour to talk to that kid about his life?" said the voice.

"Or when you paid for that young couple in the restaurant? Or when you saved that dog in traffic? Or when you tied your father's shoes for him?"

"Your problem is that you equate your purpose with goal-based achievement. The Universe isn't interested in your achievements... just your heart. When you choose to act out of kindness, compassion and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose.

No need to look any further!"