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In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship**

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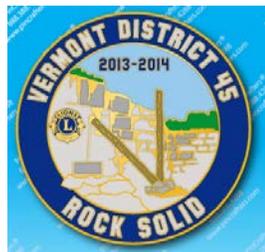
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Tommy Walz writes:



Welcome to a new **Lionistic** Year and a new *Communiqué!* This newsletter is to let us all communicate with one another. It is a two-way street with news from the clubs and beyond. It fits one of my themes for the year: **"We Reach Out,"** as symbolized by my personal pin depicting a hand reaching out from the state of Vermont. We reach out not only those in need but also each other in friendship and the spirit of Lionsim.

I could not choose from two themes that I really liked and so decided to go with both of them. The second one, **"Rock Solid,"** is reflected in this year's district pin. Since I'm from Barre, the granite industry affected this choice.



This pin depicts a derrick hoisting a block of granite.

At our foundation, we Lions are "rock solid." We have a simple and straightforward purpose: to help those in need. Our values are rooted in our communities and we believe all mankind deserves a fair chance in their struggles against illiteracy, natural disasters, and disease. We exist to serve others. "We Serve" is not an empty bumper-sticker slogan. You can depend on us to

help.

We do need to help one another this year. Membership has been dropping at an increasing rate, and we need to turn that trend around. Fewer Lions means fewer hands to do our work and less money to give in aid.

I formally challenge every club in district 45 to end this year with a net gain of at least two members. I also hope to charter two new clubs and start filling in the holes left by the clubs that have folded in recent years.

Every Lion in the state has to pitch in, and we will provide assistance from the district level. If we want to remain Rock Solid and continue to Reach Out, we have to retain and recruit.

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Meet the New District Team

District Governor Tommy Walz

His home club is Barre, where he's been a Lion since 2003. He's a Melvin Jones Fellow and has held a number of offices in Barre and at the district level has been Membership Chair, Global Membership Team Coordinator, Region Chair and Vice District Governor. He enjoys reading, traveling and being at camp in Alburgh Springs.

1st Vice District Governor Ken Emery

Ken has been in Lions since 2001 and very active in the Colchester club. He's been secretary of his club and was D-45's Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer two years ago. He is also president of VT Lions Charities.

2nd Vice District Governor Pam Nichols

She joined the Manchester club in 2007 and served as club president for two years. On the district level, she has been in charge of developing Leo clubs and was the Cabinet Secretary last year.

Cabinet Secretary Betsy MaGee

She joined the Essex Junction club in 1999 and hit the ground running. She has been a club officer, including secretary most recently. At the district level, she was District Governor in 2007-08. She has also been Zone Chair for 1B and very active in fundraising efforts for D-45.

Cabinet Treasurer Bob Brault

Barre is his home club, where he's been a Lion since 1971! He's been club president and has been Barre's "temporary" treasurer since 2009. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator Steve Simpson

Steve is now a member of the Troy club but first became a Lion in St. Johnsbury in 2006. He was District Governor 2011-2012.

Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator Rob Keith

He joined the Vergennes club in 2002, where he has served as membership chair. He was also the district Membership Chair 2006-2009. He holds VLC 500 Club Award #24.

Zone Chairs

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| 1A | <u>Mary Carol Mankin</u> | Home club: Richford |
| 1B | <u>Rick Theken</u> | Home club: Barre |
| 2A | <u>Ed Langlois</u> | Home club: Vergennes |
| 2B | <u>PDG Stan Patch</u> | Home club: Castleton |
| 2C | <u>Phyllis Porio</u> | Home club: Norshaft |
| 3A | <u>TBD</u> (Contact DG Tommy if interested) | |
| 3B | <u>Woody Stoddard</u> | Home club: Springfield |
| 3C | <u>Jennifer Betit-Engel</u> | Home club: Whitingham-Halifax |
| 4 | <u>Mary Carol Mankin</u> | Home club: Richford. (Volunteering until we find someone from within the zone) |

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

July 2013	
6	Brandon's annual Independence Day parade will find the Lions Club in the park providing food and drink. We will be Bar-B-Queing Chicken Kabobs (a new menu this year) which may be purchased on their own or as a dinner plate. The plate will include the Kabobs, coleslaw, a bag of chips and choice of drink. We also will have coleslaw, chips, a variety of soft drinks and water to purchase individually. Our big treat is Ice Cream with 3 flavors.
11-14	Brandon's Blue Grass Festival the Lions will serve a variety of flavors of Ice Cream
20	The 39th annual Lions Twin State Soccer Cup will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, NH. The Girls' game begins at 4:00pm. The Boys' game will begin at approximately 6:30pm. Proceeds are equally split between MD 44 and D45 and fund Austine/Green Mountain Lions Camp and New Hampshire Sight and Hearing. Please continue to support the games by purchasing the calendar raffle tickets mailed to you and having your club sponsor a player, sell advertisements for the game program, and purchase game tickets. Hope to see you in Rindge! Lion Judy Moulton, Secretary, LTSSA Questions? Contact PCC Forrest Powers, Executive Director, LTSSA, 68 Jack Wells Road, Danbury, NH 03230, (603) 848-5255, forrestpowers@aol.com or Judith McGivney Moulton, PO Box 301, Danville, VT 05828, (802) 684-2585, 61dreams@gmail.com
23	Chamber of Commerce annual auction in the park the Lions tent will be operating at full speed serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and the usual side offerings- soda, water, chips, cookies & brownies, plus Bruce Curtis will bring his popcorn machine to help satisfy everyone's cravings.
24	Vergennes Lions Club Annual Auction held at the Vergennes Union High School starting at 6pm. Auctioneer is PDG Tom Broughton.
27	July 27th Colchester Lions Club Annual Auction, 10:00 a.m. - all is sold, Behind Old Red Fire Station Colchester Village. For more information, contact VDG Ken Emery, 802-578-7483.
August 2013	
2 & 3	Manchester Lions Auction August 2 nd and 3 rd at the Dana Thompson Rec Center in Manchester.
7 & 8	Castleton Lions 54th Annual Lions Club Auction Wed. August 7 th and Thurs. August 8 th , 2013 Rain Date: Fri. August 9 th 6:00pm (each day) Castleton Green, Main Street, Castleton, VT Auction items, Raffles and Refreshments - Auctioneers: Glenn Merrill and Chris Mars Contacts are Lion John Burke 802-468-5454 or Lion Norm Williams 802-265-8686
24 – Sept 2	The Essex Junction Lions will be working a food booth at the Champlain Valley Fair from August 24 thru September 2, serving up breakfast, burgers, dogs, hand cut fries, etc. They welcome and appreciate counter, prep, and grill help. Volunteers receive a free pass, food and have fun at the same time!! Please contact PDG Betsy via email - lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com or cell 578-8188.



Essex Jct Lions Food Booth - Jim Weston, Lions Linda McNulty, Erin Connors and Mikayla Larrow

New England Lions Council

I (PDG Steve Simpson) would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I am Vermont's District 45 Representative on the NELC Board for Lions. The NELC Board is a representation of the 13 Single and Multi-Districts of New England.

Our Purpose & Mission:

To provide the New England Lions with an efficient organization with the express purpose of advancing Lionism. To actively work to promote the objectives of Lions Clubs International (LCI) by striving to help the New England Region become a better place to live. In addition, the New England Lions Council (NELC) provides training sessions. New England Lions Council officers also are prepared to work with any committee in any Club, District or Multiple District where they may be asked to assist in leadership training or other areas.

Membership

Membership in the New England Lions Council (NELC) is open to all Lions in good standing who belong to clubs in good standing in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

How Much are the Dues?

To be a member of the New England Lions Council (NELC) each member is assessed dues annually of \$10.00. The funds collected from dues are used to offset the costs of printing, website maintenance, postage and other administrative of the New England Lions Council.

Meeting Dates:

Oct. 5th & 6th Melvin Jones Weekend at the Best Western in Keene, NH with the Necrology Service at the Cathedral in the Pines on Sunday Morning. More information will be coming out.

Oct. 27th Homecoming for International Director Carolyn Messier. TBA

Feb. 22nd 2014 NELC Meeting, Location TBD

May 2014 NELC Picnic Meeting, TBD

Again, I want to thank District 45 for nominating me to represent D45 for the next 6 years. If you need to contact me please do so at the following: PDG Steve Simpson, 1680 Chapdelaine Road, Orleans, VT 05860 802.754.9795 or by email: sjsimpsonvt@gmail.com.

PDG Steve

GLT

What is GLT? GLT stands for Global Leadership Team and I (PDG Steve Simpson) am the Global Leadership Team Coordinator for District 45. It is my job along with my team of trainers, and Zone Chairs to help the clubs with trainings that they need. The purpose of the GLT is to identify potential leaders and to develop the needs and opportunities for them. We are also working on making it fun for the trainings and not the same old trainings. One of the first things that I have asked the Zone Chairs is to work with the clubs to identify past and future Leaders. By doing this we can bring trainings and workshops to the clubs not only at the District level but to the zone and local levels.

At the first cabinet meeting we will be offering workshops for the President's, Secretaries and Treasurer's. It is important that both the President's and the Secretaries bring a laptop to the workshop as LCI is striving to increase the social media. We will be looking at the LCI website and help you navigate it. Lions Clubs International has developed an online tutorial for Lions to better themselves.

It is my privilege to be working with the Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator Lion Rob Keith to help increase and improve the communication within District 45. If you need to contact me please do so at the following: PDG Steve Simpson, 1680 Chapdelaine Road, Orleans, VT 05860 802/754/9795 or by email:

sjsimpsonvt@gmail.com.

Vermont Lions Charities Walkathon



Fellow Vermont Lions,

The sixth edition of the Vermont Lions Charities Walkathon has come and gone. On a wonderful May Saturday morning/afternoon, over 80 Vermont Lions and friends (including 4 legged) came together at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland to raise funds for Vermont Lions Charities and other designees.

The main goal was, as a group, to walk 300 miles. Even though we came up short (266 miles) it was an increase compared to 2012 (231 miles). Everyone's participation (regardless of how much they could walk) added up in our attempt to reach the goal but I do want to point out a few accomplishments:

- Lion Rob Keith (Vergennes Lions Club) walked 14 miles
- Lion Lynn Pope-Hier (Vergennes Lions Club) walked 11 miles
- Lion Reg Jones (White River Lions Club) RAN 10 miles
- Manchester Leos walked 21 1/2 miles.
- And Zeus the wonder dog walked / ran 5 miles.

This year, just shy of \$14,000 (and I understand more money is to arrive) was raised. Besides the general fund for Vermont Lions Charities, part of this money will be going to the VLC Shared Vision Fund, VLC Quest Funding, VLC Rick Dutil Memorial Award, Therapy Dogs of Vermont,, Veterans Home (Northfield), L C I F, and to the Vergennes, Jericho-Underhill, Norshaft, Brandon ForestDale and Colchester Lions Club General and Vision Funds.

I would like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped organize this years event: Brandon ForestDale Lions Club, PDG Betsy MaGee and Lion David LaRose, PDG Stan Patch, Lion Bruce Curtis, and to Lion David LaFleur of the St. Johnsbury Area Lions club for donation of 'door prizes' and to PID Tom Broughton, CS Pam Nichols and Lion Connie St. George for obtaining the 'grand prizes' which winners will be drawn at the August Cabinet Meeting.

Looking forward to the seventh annual edition in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

1VDGE Ken Emery

VLC President.

BOSTON RED SOX FUNDRAISER

Location	Cost	Sale Price	Funds Raised
Infield Grandstand	\$46	\$55	\$9
RF Box/Infield Grandstand	\$43	\$52	\$9
Outfield Grandstand	\$24	\$30	\$6
Bleachers	\$22	\$28	\$6

See the information above on a proposal from the Boston Red Sox for a fundraiser to benefit Vermont Lions Charities. We could earn several hundred dollars for VLC and have a good time at Fenway to boot. The Red Sox also suggest we use it as a recruiting tool, inviting prospective members to join us in the fun and the good cause.

The basic scheme is this: we sell tickets for the amount listed on the "Sale Price" column as shown on the "Boston Red Sox Fundraiser Program" (see above). We send Matt Labossiere the amount in the "Cost" column and pocket the difference for the benefit of VLC. Matt will deal with each club individually. It's up to you to sell the tickets and get your order in to Matt, who will send the tickets to you.

We've selected the Sept. 19 game against the Baltimore Orioles. That gives us time to order and receive the tickets and it's one of the dates on their Super Fundraiser list. We will triple the regular refund. For example, we will get \$6 back for each bleacher seat instead of \$2.

The district gets credit for sales to each VT Lions club. If collectively we sell over 100 tickets, we get even more back for VLC.

New Hampshire Lions have selected the same game date. If you're near that border, consider collaborating with a NH club on transportation. Or another VT club, for that matter.

The absolute deadline for ordering your tickets from Matt Labossiere is Sept. 1. He can clarify any questions on process by calling him at 617-226-6834 or emailing him at mlabossiere@redsox.com. His mailing address is 4 Yawkey Way, Boston MA 02215

Contact VDG Tommy Walz with any progress reports. You can reach him at twalz@aol.com, home phone ; 802-476-7819 or cell phone: 802-793-2262.





Vermont Lions District 45

Fall Cabinet Meeting
Saturday August 17, 2013
Fullerton Inn
Chester, Vermont

Schedule of Events

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	Cabinet Meeting Registration---	7:45 am
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Vermont Lions Charities	
8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Promotion Row	
8:30 am to 12:00 pm	Fundraising Silent Auction, 200 Club 50/50 raffle	
9:00 am to 9:15 am	Meeting called to order.	
9:15 am to 10:30 am	Work session 1 Zone Chairs President/Treasurer School Secretaries Sight and Hearing Austine/Green Mountain Lions Camp	
10:30 am to 10:45 am	BREAK	
10:45 am to 11:45 am	Work Session 2 Honorary Committee Meeting Diabetes Screening Round Table Round Table Discussion: General Discussion Service Projects	
12:00 pm to 12:45 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Cabinet Meeting	

CABINET MEETING AGENDA
1:00PM TO 2:30 PM

1. Call the meeting to Order—DG Tommy Walz
 Introduce Cabinet Officers and Zone Chairs
2. Roll call of Clubs---CS Betsy MaGee
3. Minutes of August Cabinet Meeting—Betsy MaGee
4. Financial Report---CT Bob Brault
5. Vermont Lions Charities--President Ken Emery
6. Austine/Green Mountain Camp--PDG Stan Patch
7. Twin State Soccer
8. NELC and Peace Poster---PDG Steve Simpson
9. Sight and Hearing—Written Report
10. Eyeglasses Recycling---Lion Ed Langlois
11. Honorary Committee---IPDG Bob Wilcox
12. Speak Out—PDG Bill Moulton
13. Fund Raising—Lions Cindy Berg & Loreen Teer
14. Penny Campaign---DG Tommy Walz
15. Old Business
16. New Business
17. Announcements
18. Adjournment

Please bring an item for the silent auction

For Overnight Room Reservations call the Fullerton Inn directly as we have a rate of \$89 for with a double or two twin beds, and \$109 for a room with a queen bed. Room reservations should be made by August 5th. Let them know you are a Lion to receive the special rate

The hotel number is 802-875-2444 or 886-884-8578 and the address is 40 The Common, Chester, VT. You can email them at getaway@FullertonInn.com.



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Chester, Vermont
Registration Form

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\$30 per person including morning coffee and a BBQ lunch

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club/District Position: _____

Phone: _____

Home Club: _____

Cabinet Meeting:

\$30 pp x _____ (number attending) \$ _____ (total)

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Please return completed registration form to

CT Bob no later than August 9, 2013.

For overnight accommodations, contact the Fullerton Inn.

GMT

Global Membership Team

I am pleased to have been appointed by DG Tommy Walz to serve as GMT for District 45 for the years 2013-2016. I have previously served as D-45 Membership Chair in 2006-2009. I am excited about the way in which the job has been redefined. My job is still about helping clubs to establish effective recruitment programs and to assist with the revitalization and reestablishment of clubs with one major difference: active collaboration with other district officers, especially Global Leadership Team and PDG Steve Simpson.

PDG Steve and I will be working together along with DG Tommy and others to meet the overall goals that have been established by DG Tommy for the district. While my role is still very much oriented to helping to stem the loss of members and help to motivate club members to actively recruit, this will be dovetailed with PDG Steve's work to strengthen leadership and he will be dovetailing with my efforts.

I hope to help make a change in the recruitment culture of our clubs in D-45. There are no legitimate reasons (although there may be plenty of excuses) why every club in the district cannot have a net gain of at least two members by the end of the coming year.

I'm looking forward to working with you in the next 3 years.

Rob Keith

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