



THE COMMUNIQUE DISTRICT 45 VERMONT DG STEVE SIMPSON



JUNE 2012

District Governor's Corner

Here it is the middle of June and my time as District Governor is almost over. I also want to thank each and every Lions member of District 45 for everything that they have done over the past year. We have had many challenges put to us and many of you kept believing and making dreams come true. Keep up the great work.

One of the things that was asked several times over my visits and meetings is what makes a District. According to Lions International Bylaws is that a District must have 35 clubs and 1250 members to be a single district. As of right now we have 39 clubs with one in Status Quo due to non-payment of bills to International and 2 more in jeopardy which would bring that number down to 36. Dues are due to International twice a year in July and in January and if you buy supplies from International you have 90 days to pay this off to stay current with International. A few clubs are forgetting that dues are due twice a year.

But where we are having issues is with membership. I know that we have many clubs out there bringing in new members but we are losing more by not retaining them. Currently we are at 1225 members so it is important that we use mentoring to maintain membership. Also for those clubs that have new members but yet have entered them with International please do so. By not entering them with International you are putting them in jeopardy as they will not be covered as Lions and could turn into a situation for your clubs.

Again I want to thank each of you for allowing me to be your District Governor and hope that each of you will continue the support for DG Elect Bob Wilcox and 1st VDG Elect Tommy Walz.

"Lionism Makes Dreams Come True." DG Steve

Drop your anchor in District 45 and Get Involved

What a year, it seems like yesterday we were at the Equinox where PDG Sherrie Lee turned the District over to DG Steve and I was voted in as the First Vice District Governor.

What a weekend at Jay Peak. PDG Merry and PDG Sherrie Lee along with DG Steve and CST Ken treated us to a great weekend of food and friendship. Thank You all and I hope everyone who was able to attend the Spring Convention enjoyed the weekend.

The Countdown is on for DG Steve. July 1st is only a few days away as I write this and he is working on his last Communique. The plans are in place to turn the District books over to our incoming Cabinet Treasurer Kathy Gallett on July 7th, 2012 and we will be ready for the New Year.

June 16th, my birthday, I will be headed to Busan Korea for my District governors training and the International Convention. This will be my first International convention and the committee has almost every day planned with trainings and events.

I have been recruiting District 45 Lions for the 2012-2013 cabinet. At this time I still have several cabinet positions to fill including the Global Membership Team Coordinator, several zone chairs and the Communique Editor. If any District 45 Lions are willing to give a few hours each month, please contact me as soon as possible.

The cabinet meeting dates for the New Year are set. Two cabinet meetings will be held on Sunday and two will be held on Saturday hoping this will allow Lions who usually do not attend the opportunity to attend. Mark your calendar with the following dates.

Orientation Meeting: Sunday July 29th @ DG Bob's Lake house, Lake St. Catherine, Wells, VT

Cabinet Meeting #1: Sunday Aug 19th, Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT

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Fall Conference: Saturday November 1st @
Campus of Bennington College, Bennington, VT

Cabinet Meeting #3: Saturday January 19th, 2013
@ Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT with LCIF Super Raffle to
take place that evening

Cabinet Meeting #4: Sunday March 10th, 2013 @
Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, VT

Spring Convention: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
May 3,4,and 5, 2013 @ Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT

Anchors Aweigh

DG Elect Bob

Congratulations to 1st VDG Elect Tommy Walz

1st VDG Elect Tommy would like to let the clubs know that he will be contacting clubs to set up visits and would like to get a number of them done this summer and fall.

VLC

The fifth annual Vermont Lions Charities Walkathon has come and gone. The 2012 version was a great success. 77 attendees, approximately 1,155 laps around the Vermont State Fairgrounds midway (equals about 231 miles) and \$15,000 raised. I want to offer a great big THANK YOU to everyone who either participated or made a donation. And I would like to also offer a double great big THANK YOU THANK YOU to the Walkathon committee. Looking forward to 2013.

Couple of things I would like to point out. This year, the walkers were walking for two purposes: Vermont Lions Charities and their own choice. Monies were raised for: Vermont Lions Charities Shared Vision Fund, Lion Rick Dutil's Memorial Scholarship, Make-a-Wish, V A B V I, Addison County Humane Society, The Veterans Place and the clubs of Castleton, Brandon ForestDale, Norshaft, Pittsford and Jericho-Underhill. Please let me know your thoughts if this 'style of fundraising' is something we should try again in 2013 or not.

The other item is that I am looking into hosting a second location for a Walkathon the same day. The Rutland location is a good central location but I am hoping that maybe my friends from Region 4 can help me find a location in their area as well. Will keep you posted.

The demand for Vermont Lions Charities is very high, especially in the areas where there are no Lions Clubs. In the first 4 months of 2013, we have paid out approximately \$6,000 to help Vermont residents in the areas like: Brattleboro, Morrisville, St. Albans, Randolph. And that is just for eyeglasses. Does not include other assistance that VLC has offered in purchasing hearing aids or visual aids for youths throughout the state.

So I am asking the clubs of Vermont Lions District 45, as you are making your financial plans for the upcoming 2012 - 2013 Lions year, please keep Vermont Lions Charities in your plans. Both to make a donation but also that VLC is YOUR 501 (c) (3) arm to receive donations for your club as well. With everyone looking for that 'tax donation' for their own taxes, don't forget you can offer them the knowledge of knowing a donation to your club can be a 'tax donation'.

Please be watching for information on the VLC 'Big Dine Out' Raffle, which should be coming out in August.

And most importantly, don't hesitate to contact myself or anyone of the VLC board members if you have any questions, concerns or more importantly, need VLC's help.

Yours in Lionism,
PCST Ken Emery
VLC President.

Official Minutes of Business Meeting
Vermont Lions District 45 – Spring Convention
May 19, 2012, Jay Peak Resort, Jay, VT

Meeting called to order by District Governor Steve Simpson at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Clubs: C S/T Ken Emery: 112 in attendance, plus PID Bud and Lion Jama Wahl, plus 43 guests, representing 22 of the District's 39 clubs. There was no Leos attending from the 4 Leo Clubs in the District.

Minutes of the 4th Cabinet Meeting: C S/T Ken Emery – Moved to accept by Lion Lyle Remick of Burlington Lions Club, 2nd by Lion Stanley Bizon of Pittsford Lions Club Motion was passed.

Financial Reports: C S/T Ken Emery presented the budget for 2011 – 2012. Motion to accept by Lion Lyle Remick (Burlington Lions Club), 2nd by Lion Stanley Bizon, Pittsford Lions Club. C S/T Ken indicated that back in January, the books had to be audited which was done in February. The transfer of books is planned for July 7 at VDG Bob Wilcox's camp at Lake St. Catherine. Motion was passed.

State of the District – DG Steve Simpson: Discussed the state of membership, now at 1248 and clubs now at 39 clubs. To be a viable district we need to have 1250 members. Discussed all the Lions in Vermont helping out with Tropical Storm Irene. Thank you to Troy and Area for hosting the Spring Convention.

\$2,000 for the All State Music Festival. Mentioned that even though Vermont Lions has been a strong supporter of All State Music Festival but next year we might not be able to support as much as we have greater needs for other places. Over \$3,000 for hearing and visual needs – Ludlow, Hartland, Bennington.

Successful Walkathon this past Saturday. Talked about Lion Rob Keith walking 12 miles. 77 walkers. 231 miles walking. Otter Leo walked 9 miles. Raised approximately \$14,000 with approximately \$8,500 staying with VLC. Discussed where some of the other areas funds are going to. One goal is adding a second location for the Walkathon especially in Region 4 to encourage more participation. Second sight would be the very same day. Expand our reach. Looking again at Mother Day's weekend in 2013.

Did grand prize for anyone who raised \$100: 1st prize being Orvis Rod and Reel won by Lion Jackie Dutil, 2nd prize Dakin's Gift Basket won by Lion Rob Keith, and \$50 gift certificate to Sarducci's won by PID Tom Broughton.

Lion Loreen Teer, on behalf of Jericho Underhill Lions Club, had drawing for the Quilt donated by local resident with funds going to Lion Rick Dutil Memorial Scholarship, amount of \$610 with winner being Lion Gary Gorton of Brandon ForestDale Lions Club.

Monies donated by Swanton Mississquoi \$100, and Pittsford Lions Club - \$8 coin jar.

Sight and Hearing – Lion Linda Eastman and Carmelita Belisle: Lion Linda discussed the number of calls being received, 156 calls between mid March to Mid May. 9 applications via website. Thanks to everyone to accept. Discussed the Art at Hand project going on at Shelburne Museum. DG Steve gave Thank you's to both Lion Linda and Lion Carmelita.

Fund Raising – PDG Betsy MaGee: Announced that Lions Loreen Teer and Cindy Berg have agreed to take on the Fund Raising program in 2012 – 2013. Silent Auction took in \$399, 200 club took in \$50. 200 club winners were: \$50 PDG Ken Ellis, \$25 Lion Ody Laroche , \$10 Lion Harry Hinrichsen, \$5 Lion Mary Kerner, \$5 PDG Mel Coburn and \$5 Lion Erin Connors. 50/50 drawn at the MJF Luncheon raised \$90 to winner. Thank you from DG Steve to Lion David.

Traveling Lions Contest: PCST Debbie Bushey presented awards from Region 1 Traveling Lion: 3rd place Colchester, 2nd place Essex Jct. and 1st place being Jericho-Underhill. Region 2 traveling Lion was 3rd place Brandon Forest Dale, 2nd place Castleton and 1st place being Vergennes. For District Traveling Lion it was 3rd place Colchester Lions, 2nd place Brandon Forest Dale and 1st place was Vergennes. No awards was given for Regions 3 and 4. Thank you from DG Steve.

Patches for Speakout Contest by Lion Jackie Dutil: 1st place St. Johnsbury Lions Club, 2nd place Vergennes Lions Club, 3rd place Colchester Lions Club, 4th place was Brandon ForestDale / Pittsford Lions Club and 5th place was Troy and Area Lions Club.

Patches for Peace Poster was given out by DG Steve Simpson: Honorable Mention – Brandon ForestDale, Vergennes, Norshaft, Readsboro, Swanton Mississquoi, Pittsford, 3rd place going to Georgia, 2nd place to Enosburg Falls and 1st place to Essex Jct.

100% Secretary's will be given at the 1st Cabinet Meeting.

Thank you's were given to the Chaplains: PDG Clem Cardinal, PDG Bill Moulton, PDG Ken Millay, Lion Judy McGiveny, and Jean Britt, Food from the Heart Lion Harry Curth, LCIF PID Tom Broughton and PDG Bruce Bushey. Lucky the Lion to Lion Travis Lebel. Publicity Lion Cindy Berg and Public Relations to PDG Larry Myott.

Newsletter contest: 3rd place Bennington 2nd place Pittsford 1st place Norshaft

Scrapbook contest: Bennington and Norshaft entered but was not in top 3: 3rd place Vergennes, 2nd place Pittsford and 1st place Colchester.

Brochure contest: 3rd place Shelburne, 2nd place Colchester and 1st place St. Johnsbury.

CST Ken presented plaque to DG Steve for dedicated service for the year along with Thank you gifts from the District to DG Steve and Lion Julie for their outstanding service and effort for the past year.

2012 – 2013 elections were held. Nomination for District Governor Candidate VDG Bob Wilcox was made by PDG Ted Thomas of Bennington Lions Club, 2nd of Nomination was done by PDG Adrian Lane, also of Bennington Lions Club. Motion was made and past for CST Ken Emery to submit written ballot in favor of VDG Bob Wilcox to be District Governor of Vermont Lions District 45 in 2012 – 2013.

Nomination for Vice District Governor Candidate Lion Tommy Walz was made by King Lion Mark Tatro of the Barre Lions Club, along with a wonderful rendition of a song in honor of Lion Tommy Walz by all Barre Lions Clubs members in attendance., 2nd of Nomination was made by PDG Bill Moulton of St. Johnsbury Lions Club. Motion was made and past for CST Ken Emery to submit written ballot in favor of Lion Tommy Walz to be Vice District Governor of Vermont Lions District 45 in 2012 – 2013.

Both DGE Bob Wilcox and VDGE Tommy Walz gave thank you speeches and looking forward to the coming year.

Lion Cathy Couloombe discussed the Nellie Hart Memorial Scholarship, received 5 applications for the scholarship. Winner was chosen this morning. Discussed about who Nellie Hart and what the award was intended for.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

In additional news, at the evening banquet, the No 1 club awards were presented:

Small clubs: 3rd place Shelburne, 2nd place St. Johnsbury, 1st place Pittsford

Large clubs: 3rd place Norshaft, 2nd place Swanton – Mississquoi, 1st place Essex Jct. Club

Lion of the Year award: CST Ken Emery

PID Bud Wahl and DG Steve Simpson presented the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation to: Lion Loreen Teer, Jericho Underhill Lions Club, Lion Cindy Berg, Jericho Underhill Lions Club, CST Ken Emery Colchester Lions Club.

PID Bud also presented pins to the newest members of Lions in attendance (Lion Judy Cookson of Barre Lions Club and Lion Lisa Ayers of Middlebury Lions Club) and the oldest member of Lions to PDG Ted Thomas of Bennington.

PID Jules Cote presented to PID Bud a check on behalf of Vermont Lions District 45 for the Illinois Fellows Foundation as a thank you for attending this years convention.

At the Melvin Jones Luncheon, Melvin Jones Fellows awards were presented to:

Randy Clark, non-lion, on behalf of the Jericho Underhill Lions Club

Art Heald, Swanton Mississquoi Lions Club

Tommy Walz, Barre Lions Club

Carmelita Belisle, Colchester Lions Club

Patricia Johnson McWilliams, St. Johnsbury Lions Club

Evelyn Reed, Brandon ForestDale Lions Club

Judy McGivney, St. Johnsbury Lions Club

Chris Ayers, Middlebury Lions Club

Sunday morning breakfast, DGE Bob Wilcox discussed his plans for the 2012 – 2013 year.

Announced his leadership team of Cabinet Secretary being Lion Pam Nichols, Manchester Lions Club and Cabinet Treasurer being Kathy Gallett of the Bennington Lions Club.

Besides announcing the date of the Transfer of Books if can get proper attendance, July 29th will be the organizational meeting at Lake St. Catherine in Wells, 1st cabinet meeting is Sunday August 19th at the Holiday Inn in Rutland. Fall Conference is to be Saturday, November 10th on the campus of Bennington

College, the 3rd Cabinet meeting and the LCIF Super Raffle to be held Saturday January 26th at the Hampton Inn in Colchester. Fourth cabinet meeting is to be held Sunday March 17th at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee with the 2013 convention to be held May 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Hampton Inn in Colchester.

FYI. Information from the Art at Hand program at Shelburne Museum.



I am going to work further with Angela in regards to the Lions Appreciation Breakfast. Will send information out on that soon, but in the meantime, wanted to forward some pictures to you about the most recent program they had.

D45 Apparel

Limited supply of District 45 Apparel Remains

Shortsleeve Polo Shirts: 1 Medium and 6 Extra Large, \$20 each

*Long Sleeve Polo Shirts 1 Medium, 2 Large, 2 Extra Large \$24 each,
2 Two Extra Large \$28 each.*

*Crewneck Sweatshirts: 2 Medium, 2 Large, 4 Extra Large \$17 each,
Four Two Extra Large \$20 each.*

*Hooded Sweatshirts: 1 Medium, 4 Large, 2 Extra Large \$27 each,
4 Two Extra Large \$30 each.*

*Zippered Hooded Sweatshirts: 2 Two Extra Large \$30 each,
One Three Extra Large \$33.*

*Prices are negotiable (remember funds support Vermont Lions District 45). Delivery can be arranged.
Please contact PCST Ken Emery at [\(802\) 578-7483](tel:8025787483) or doogle@surfglobal.net for more information.*

Thank you for a great year and Remember

“I Believe” and “Lionism Makes Dreams Come True”

DG Steve and Lion Julie Simpson

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