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In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship**

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Tommy Walz Writes:

Spring has finally arrived (we hope) and we are nearing the end of the 2013-2014 Lionistic Year. I will be giving a State of the District address at the Spring Convention, and I can tell you now the picture is mainly good.

We will not meet the district's official membership goal of gaining two new Lions per club, but we are not going to end up the in red this year. At the end of April we had 1189 members, exactly the same amount we started the year with in July, and I know that at least Colchester and Troy are about to add new members and Barre has added at least one.

The other piece of great news, of course, is the chartering of the Brattleboro Area Lions on March 25. Their big celebration is on May 16, and we hope to see a lot of D-45 Lions there.

The other big date coming up soon is the Spring Convention at Lake Morey May 2-4. The Kentucky Derby is that weekend and we recognize that with a Derby hat contest on Saturday and a chance to bet on the ponies as a fundraiser. The Barre Lions are giving me a big hand by organizing live music on Friday night and pontoon boat rides on Saturday. I urge as many D-45 Lions as possible to come together, even if it is only for the day. It should be fun and informative, plus we have the important task of electing the incoming district governor and vice district governor(s) on Saturday.

Lion Ed Langlois reports that D-45 Lions have collected 14,132 pairs of used eyeglasses and 23 used hearing aids so far this year. That is a terrific result, and we should be gratified to know that we have improved the lives of thousands of people. I have no idea what all the service hours add up to this year, but I am sure it is also an impressive number. These numbers are only possible because Lions take "We Serve" seriously.

My travels for May and June (so far):
May 2 -4, Spring Convention at Lake Morey Resort
May 16 Brattleboro Area Lions Charter Night
May 20 Norwich Lions 60th Anniversary
May 21 Colchester Lions
June 30 Off to Toronto for the International Convention

District Governor Tommy Walz

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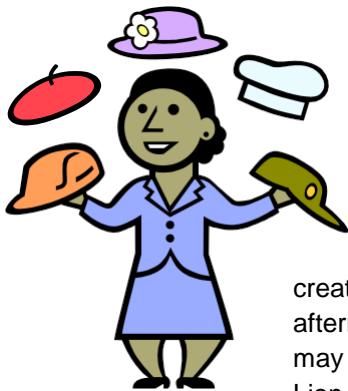
Help Wanted

D45 Website Needs Some Help!

Do you know how to use Wordpress or have you ever helped maintain a website? If so, we have a job for you! The district website, d45lions.com, is looking for some Lions to help with some light editing duties. These duties will be making changes as needed to pages like the Traveling Lion page, putting news articles up once in a while and helping to guide the direction of the site. You don't have to be an expert, but comfort on the internet and a good connection are a plus. Chuck Burkins, the webmaster, will remain responsible for keeping the software of the site up to date, and will be continuing to update the content, but a little help would be great. Contact Chuck chuck@burkins.net for more information.

Communiqué Assistant Editor

Would you like to work on the monthly Communiqué? Lion Macky could use some help setting it up each month. Organizational skills and knowledge of working in Microsoft Word are helpful. Please contact Lion Macky Gaines at mgaines@middlebury.edu or 1st VDG Ken Emery at 1stvdg@d45lions.com with questions or to sign up. It's a great way to keep in touch with District!



UPDATE - Annual Convention in May Kentucky Derby Hat Contest Saturday, May 3rd

We will have a Kentucky Derby Hat Parade during lunch on Saturday, May 3rd. Put your creativity to work and design a hat that would be perfect for the Kentucky Derby Party Saturday afternoon. The cost to enter a hat is \$5 and the entry fees will be given to the Austine Camp. You may register any time before Saturday lunch. If you would like to enter now and pay later, contact Lion Judy Cookson at jcookvt@aol.com. Fabulous prizes will be awarded to the top three hats, nothing is too outrageous. Men and women are encouraged to enter.

As of April 17, 2014 there are 37 horses still eligible for the 20 post positions. There are qualifying races this coming weekend as the field narrows.

The top 5 are:

1. California Chrome
2. Vicar's in Trouble
3. Dance with Fate
4. Wicked Strong
5. Samraat

What is interesting is the trainers of these 5 have never won the derby let alone qualified a horse. But some perennial trainers like Todd Pletcher and Bob Baffert are expected to place horses in the top 20.

So the Barre Club is looking forward to your participation in our Derby Contest on May 3rd. We accept cash and gold pieces.

Lion Rick Theken

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

May 2014	
2	Lions Tennis Tournament - Lake Morey Inn [Cabinet Meeting Site]
May 2-4	Save the Date!!! District 45 Convention – Kentucky Derby Party
16	Brattleboro Area Lions Club Charter Night
20	Norwich Lions 60 th Anniversary
21	District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Colchester Lions Club
24	New England Lions Counsel
July 2014	
4 – 8	97 th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention – Toronto Canada



New Lion Susan Jennings, Sponsor Lion Judy Monte and inductor Zone 2C Chair Phylis Porio at the Arlington Lions March meeting.

Vermont Lions Charities 2014 Walkathon

This year's walkathon is to be held Saturday, May 17th, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Goal, again, as a group is to walk 300 miles. Last year, 2013, we walked 277 miles so I believe this year we can reach that goal. So if you can walk (or run) 10 miles or walk (or run) 1/4 mile, please join us.

Once again, each individual walker, can determine what they are walking for. 50% of funds raised will go to Vermont Lions Charities to continue our role in helping Vermonters without clubs obtain eyeglasses and hearing aid and the less fortunate. The other 50%, the walker can determine themselves where the funds have gone. Some walkers have raised funds for their own clubs projects, for example, Sight and Hearing , or their local Humane Society, or LCIF, or Vermont Therapy Dogs.

So, please join us. It is lots of fun.

Vermont Lions Charities is also doing a 'Dedicate a Foot" program. Each 'Foot" can be dedicated to any individual, group of individuals or group. Costs of each dedication is a minimum of \$5. Each foot will be displayed at this year's walkathon as well.

If there are any questions, on the walkathon or the 'dedicate a foot' program, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any VLC board member.

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Ken Emery
VLC President

Shelburne Area Lions Club

Received the 200 % banner from Lions International. The Club set a goal and is proud to have achieved the milestone!

Shelburne Club is the first club in District 45 to become a 100% Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow Club. Great job Lions!

Shelburne Lions Club President Jayne Sorensen told us she is so proud to be their President and having the club earn this goal.

Congratulations from District 45!!





Vermont Lions Charities 2014 Walkathon

"VLC & D-45 - Partners in Service"

Come join the Vermont Lions and Leos and friends to walk our way to serving the needs of our wonderful State! **"FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY"**

Where:

Rutland State Fairgrounds

When:

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Time:

Registration opens: 9:30 a.m.;

Opening:

10:00 a.m.

Walking:

10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

Goal:

As a group, walk 500 kilometers (300 miles)

Prizes:

T-shirt for raising at least \$100.

Contests:

To be announced.

**SPONSORS: VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES AND
THE VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45**

**IN 1925, HELEN KELLER ASKED LIONS TO BE HER
"KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND"**

Vermont Lions Charities is a non-profit organization involving over 1,250 Lions from various Lions Clubs around the State. The common aspiration is to serve the 'visually and hearing impaired and the less fortunate' of Vermont and Internationally by providing funding to aid in purchase of vision and hearing needs and other materials as needed when needed.

ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED!!!

Every penny is going towards a worthy cause and Vermont Lions Charities is sincerely grateful for your generosity.



Walker: _____ **is walking for VLC**
and _____ **(designation)**
(if blank, will be considered VLC)

50% of what walker raises can be designated for a Lions related entity, for example, VABVI, AGMLC, a Club's Sight and Hearing program, Quest, Veteran's program, Food Shelf.

** Please make all checks payable to VT Lion's Charities, 100% tax deductible.*

** Please bring this Donation Form to the Walkathon or return to: 1st VDG Ken Emery, VT Lions Charities President, 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester VT 05446*

For more information contact: 1st VDG Ken Emery at (802) 879-1511 (home)
or (802) 578-7483 (cell)
or via email: kpemery1960@gmail.com

Vt. Lions Charities

Dedicate 'A Foot' Program

(minimum donation \$5)

All dedicated 'feet' will be
Displayed at the VLC Walkathon



I, _____, dedicate this foot to:



Speak Out 2014

Six "dreamers" descended upon the TRAK-IN Steak House, Bomaseen, VT for the Lions of VT, District 45 Annual SPEAK OUT Contest. Representing sponsoring Lions Clubs from Bennington, Norshaft, Brandon/Forestdale and Pittsford in the South to Barre, Essex Junction, Colchester and Vergennes in the North, there was an excellent representation of 11th and 12th grade speakers.

The sponsoring clubs hosted contests in their areas resulting in the winners moving on to the D45 finals at the Trak-In. Mt. Anthony UHS senior Autumn Hausthor was sponsored by Bennington and Norshaft Lions clubs as they combined efforts for Speak Out. The Brandon/Forestdale and Pittsford Lions clubs sponsored junior Nora Enright from Otter Valley UHS. Barre Lions Club sponsored Chris Lajuesse a junior from Northfield High School who happened to be the only male participating. The Essex Junction Lions sponsored senior Danielle Savard from Essex Junction High School. Colchester Lions sponsored senior and defending champion from 2013 Summer Colley from Colchester High School. A junior at Vergennes Union High School, Hannah Hatch was sponsored by the Vergennes Lions Club.

Imagine this prideful group of high school juniors and seniors spending a beautiful Sunday afternoon standing in front of a group of unfamiliar adults, sharing their dreams. Better yet, dreaming out loud, sharing their inner most thoughts about deep personal "stuff" in a room filled with strangers. Some of these strangers looking pretty "strange" also, wrapped in their green vests adorned with every memorial or honorary pin one could imagine.

Stimulated and or challenged by the mystery of when they would be called to speak, each waited their turn by watching and listening intently to those who preceded them. One after another casting their "dream cloud" out over the large room as we were invited on one magic carpet ride after another. The speakers were inviting us to dream because the theme was "Follow Your Dream," the theme of Lions Clubs International President, Barry Palmer. The contestants were encouraged to study the Lions program and use it as inspiration for their speeches where they were to demonstrate the connection between the program and the motivation they received from the program and the inspiration they gained to carry themselves forward towards their future goals in life.

Much thanks for the success of the event goes to the club organizers: Lion Rick Theken, Barre; Lion Lisa Harrington-Redding, Bennington/Norshaft; Lion Bruce Branch, Brandon-Forestdale/Pittsford; 1st VDG Ken Emery, Colchester; Lion Darby Mayville, Essex Junction; and Lion Kathleen Cannon, Vergennes. The host Lions at the Trak-In Steak House for the day were DG Tommy Walz and PDG Stan Patch who did a splendid job of balancing everything and the Castleton Lions Club. Great job to all.

The cast would not be complete without wonderful judges: Lion Judy Moulton, St Johnsbury Area Lions; Lion Pat Ankuda, Springfield Lions and Lion Pam Hodgkins, PDG of Deerfield, MA, MD 33Y, State Speech Chairperson past and future. When they had completed their tasks for the afternoon, the results were: 1st: Nora Enright, Otter Valley UHS; 2nd: Hannah Hatch, Vergennes UHS; 3rd: Summer Colley, Colchester HS. Congratulations to these three and to all speakers on a job well done.

This Lions Opportunity for Youth Program is a wonderful insight into some of our youth and it is great to witness the development of the skills needed for stepping up and expressing oneself. We are happy to reward the contestants with prize money that we hope they might be able to put to good use as they continue to grow for the future. "Congratulations and good luck to them all" said Lion Bill Moulton, PDG, Speak Out Chairperson.



L-R: Summer Colley, Hannah Hatch & Nora Enright



L-R: Summer Colley, Hannah Hatch & Nora Enright

NorShaft Lions

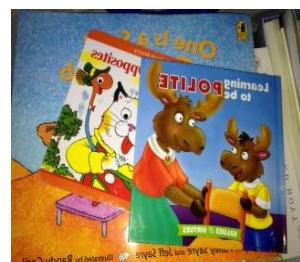
With our membership drive in full gear PDG Stan enthralled the gathering of 52 members and 7 prospective members as guests, (soon to be members) with the history of Lionism, the importance of the Lions worldwide and what it means to be a Lion at our April 1st meeting.



At the end of the meeting during our "Lions Roar" we raised \$127.00 for our Administration Fund in part by requesting our 3 not so tenors NOT to sing!!!



Membership Chair Lion Liz and her committee collected with donations by members, 100 books for children age 2-5 that have been distributed to the local Headstart and elementary schools in the area, there is a gold stamp on each book stating that this book is donated from the NorShaft Lions, this indeed symbolizes how much Lions care while we share!



**LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER and the playing of
the LION'S SOCCER CUP MATCHES
JULY 19, 2014 - CASTLETON STATE COLLEGE**

The **40th annual Lions Soccer Cup matches** will be played on Saturday, July 19 at *Castleton State College* (also 2015) and then revert back to New Hampshire for 2016 & 2017.

The **All Stars** from New Hampshire & Vermont, soon to be graduating high school seniors, will be reporting to camp on Thursday, July 17, register, have a couple of meetings, have lunch & begin their 1st. practice session (1 of 5) in preparation for their games on Saturday. The games for these student athletes will begin at 4:00 pm (girl's game) and at 6:30 (boy's game).

The two games allow the student athletes to showcase their soccer talents while helping the Lions raise funds that benefit the **New Hampshire Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation and the Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp**. This year, our camp was a recipient of a \$5000.00 contribution and on behalf of the AGMLC, we want to express our thanks.

Before closing, I want to offer a few facts:

1. The 1st Lions Twin-State Soccer Cup match was hosted by Middlebury College on August 2, 1975 and the 2nd was hosted by Keene State College on July 31st, 1976.
2. From 1975 - 1982, one match was played (Vt & NH boy's). In 1983, the 1st girl's game was played and since, two soccer cup matches are played each year.
3. Although started in 1975, it took the NCAA a considerable amount of time to sanction their approval. If not for Lions International, the games would not have been played. LCI's vast contact with businesses, industries, schools and people in general allowed them to supply the footwork to stage the games. Proceeds from this 1st game assisted the Lions Sight Van which traveled throughout Vermont to identify sight problems for the Citizens of Vermont.

If you wish the "rest of the story" attend this summer's *Lions Soccer Cup matches* at Castleton State College.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Stanley Patch, Jr
LTSSA, PP, BOD

Twin State Soccer Banquet



PDG Betsy MaGee with 2nd VDG Scott Wilson, District 44 H and 1st VDG Melody Whitcher, District 44 N at Twin State Soccer banquet in New Hampshire



VDG Ken Emery with Lion Don Potter, NH Lions at Twin State Soccer banquet



Twin State Soccer banquet in NH. NH DG Lion Sandra Hurd and Lion Ron Bingham



Lions Storm Springfield

On April Fool's Day, thirteen Heartland and Strafford Lions descended upon the Springfield Club to capture Region 3 Lion Chucky. Heartland, by sheer numbers, was able to re-capture Chucky and return him to their home. Chucky seems to enjoy the lifestyle offered to him there, having become quite the party animal. He remains a fun ambassador for Region 3, bringing together Lions for fun and fellowship.





Lions Russ Rexford and Dave Williamson setting up



Lions Joan Stasulis and Loreen Teer preparing the meal



Lions Marge Alden and Loreen Teer prepping the meal



Happy Seniors!



Lion Dave Williamson serving. The gentleman in the blue shirt is Lion Dave Damkot, who supplied maple syrup for door prizes and later washed dishes.

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club

celebrated the Lions World Lunch Relay by hosting a Senior meal at the Underhill Town Hall at noon, April 4th. The meal was free to the Seniors and the menu included baked ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, tossed salad, rolls and dessert. The Seniors were thankful and much impressed with the meal Sixty meals were furnished through the efforts of seven Lions.

Kendal Holden

Secretary, Jericho-Underhill Lions

LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC

We will be sending each Club twenty tickets for the club to sell or buy and use them or donate the tickets to the local schools. Every Club that buys the twenty tickets will be recognized in the book.

Two calendar raffle tickets will be mailed to each Lion in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont. This raffle has been very successful, and can even be better this year. The cost per raffle ticket is only \$10.00. The calendar raffle will be for the month of July 2014 and that gives each entry 31 chances to win. The drawing for the 31 days of July 2014 will be done on Game Day, July 19, 2014. Winners attending Game Day will be able to pick up their prizes on that day. The winners not attending will receive their prize via mail sent out on the day of their winning. This raffle replaces two Game Day tickets sent out to every Lion. So when you see that envelope in your mailbox, open it up right away, and send your ticket stubs back with \$20.00 and you may be the next winner. The 2014 games will be held at Castleton State College on Saturday, July 19, 2014.





97th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention
Friday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 8, 2014 • Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form

Deadlines

- May 1, 2014: Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Registrations after this date will be processed in Toronto.
- May 1, 2014: Deadline to receive a refund for a registration cancellation. • May 16, 2014: Deadline to receive a refund for a hotel room cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____
Postal Code _____ Country _____
Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Lion: Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____ Lion Lioness
COMPANION: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____
 Lion: Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____ Lion Lioness Guest
CHILD: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo
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This is my/our first LCI convention. Not my first convention, I've attended _____

Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]

The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation Will you require a headset? No Yes

PACKAGE A: Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

- Before January 10, 2014: Reservation in delegation hotel
 After January 10, 2014: I prefer my delegation hotel
 Prefer hotel based on: room rate of _____ location near convention center

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____ Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements: Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other _____

*The Hotel deposit is US\$225 for a standard room and US\$350 for a suite. The hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B: NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above.)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT	DATE/TIME	Fee	Quantity	Amount Due
Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social (Key holders only)	July 6/ 15:00-17:00	US \$25	_____	\$ _____
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 7/ 13:30-15:00	US \$60	_____	\$ _____
District Governor/Past District Governor Banquet	July 7/ 20:00-22:00	US \$100	_____	\$ _____

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.

- Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover cards accepted. • Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES

	Adult	Child (17 and under)
Early	US\$110	US\$10
Regular	US\$150	US\$10
Late	US\$170	US\$10

Package A:

Registrations: US\$ _____
Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
Hotel Deposit: US\$ 225.00

OR

Total Due: US\$ _____

Package B:

Registrations: US\$ _____
Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Total Due: US\$ _____

Check Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form) Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Your name as it appears on the card _____ Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security code (3 digits) _____

Signature _____

Mail form and payment to: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA

Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (1-630) 571-1689 (If you fax, please do not mail original)

Questions? Email us: registration@lionsclubs.org • Allow 4 weeks for processing and mail delivery of your confirmation.

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.



97th Lions Clubs International Convention
Toronto, Canada
Official Schedule of Events (subject to change)
Friday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 8, 2014

FRIDAY, JULY 4

10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
19:30 – 22:30	District Governors-elect Celebration Banquet	Sheraton Toronto Centre

SATURDAY, JULY 5

10:00 Step-off	International Parade	Parade Assembly Area (T.B.A.)
11:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
19:00 – 20:15	International Show	Air Canada Centre (ACC)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

10:00 – 13:00	Opening Plenary Session <i>Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, International Parade Results</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
14:00 – 17:00	Seminars	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
15:00 – 17:00	Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)

MONDAY, JULY 7

10:00 – 12:30	Second Plenary Session <i>Memorial Service, Nominations for Second Vice President and International Directors</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
13:00 – 17:00	Seminars	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
13:30 – 15:00	Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
20:00 – 22:00	Past International Presidents / Past International Directors Banquet	Fairmont Royal York
20:00 – 22:00	District Governors / Past District Governors Banquet	Fairmont Royal York

TUESDAY, JULY 8

07:30 – 10:30	Voting and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
10:00 – 13:30	Final Plenary Session <i>Installation of 2014-2015 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2014-2015 District Governors</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
19:00 – 21:00	International Officers Reception	Fairmont Royal York



PDG Merry Souza with St. Lambert twinning Club members at the Swanton Lions Round Robin Rib Raffle



Lions DG Tommy Walz, Travis Lebel
Rick enjoying the raffle



Lions DG Tommy Walz, Travis Lebel enjoying the raffle
Theken and Judy Cookson enjoy the dinner



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