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Email is the name of the game in Vermont Lions District 45 for 2009. We have been working hard to get all the email addresses of our Vermont Lions. It will save the district, literally, thousands of dollars and volunteers a lot of time. Send articles to the Communiqué Editor by email if possible. Snail mail will still be accepted. The next issue will be September 1, the deadline is August 15 for all articles, announcements, photos or ideas for articles. Email to: Communique@d45lions.com

District Governor Bruce Bushey says: Here we go for a great year, 2009-10. I look forward to working with all of you. I would like to thank all of D-45 for electing me as your District Governor, and my Vergennes Club members for all the great support they've given me. My charge is to get the Lions in D-45 to work together, and have fun doing it.



Our incoming international president, Eberhard J. Wirfs of Germany, has announced his theme, "Move to Grow." He is asking us to work especially hard on retention of members and bringing inactive members to active participation in our clubs. Read the article in the June issue of the Lion Magazine (page 24) on bringing former Lions back into active service in our clubs. One of our own D-45 Lions is high-lighted in this article, filled with good ideas.

At the District and Club level, we need to encourage our committee chairs to function. If you get a question or call, please refer them to the person that is responsible. It will make the work smoother for all. I remind everyone of the Lions Toast, "Not above you, not beneath you, but always with you." Using the toast at every meeting, will help all our members to remember, we are a team, we work together. There is no "I" in team.

If you have a problem with the District Governor let me know, I am always open to constructive criticism. When you have a problem with cabinet officers or club officers, let them know. This is just one way to help the organization run smoothly and keep members involved. By working together and communicating among ourselves, we can build our club, our district, and Lions Club International. We can grow our membership, and the good we do, by working together.

The international convention is July 6-10 in Minneapolis, MN. I will be there when you read this, attending the incoming District Governor school, and learning how to best serve District 45. Lion

Debbie and I will be in Minnesota for about two weeks, with school and the convention. We'll come back all fired up and ready to go.

The orientation meeting is scheduled for July 19th at The Austine School in Brattleboro. Cabinet members should be there at 10 am. The primary emphasis on this years orientation meeting will be the work of the region and zone chairs. To encourage all the region and zone chairs to participate, their lunch will be complimentary. Of course you'll get to see the Austine School, the Lions camp kids and interact with your fellow Lions.

The first cabinet meeting is on Saturday, August 22nd. It will be hosted by the Vergennes Club at Lion Charlie Shapiro's barn in Ferrisburgh. It's a great place to meet, wonderful scenery and atmosphere to encourage communication. Details are in this *Communiqué*. Send in your registration form before the deadline.

Although my goals will be refined during District Governor training, so far, my goals for 2009-10 are: Charter two new clubs, one being a noon club. Bring in 50 new members, and have a +20 by my year end for D-45. We can do it as a team. D-45 lost more than 50 members and at least one club in 2008-09. There are some weak clubs out there, holding on by a thread. A major goal is to strengthen these clubs.



Condolences to the family and friends of PDG Dick Munsell

Past District Governor Dick Munsell, 80, of Williston passed away suddenly on June 5. Dick was a long time member of

the Essex Jct. Lions Club. He served as District Governor in 1991-92. He and his wife, Marion, were married for more than 55 years. Dick was an Army veteran who had served two tours of duty in Viet Nam. He was very active in several organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He served for many years as chair of the Lions Twin-State Soccer program and continued to serve on the board of directors. Besides his wife, he

is survived by three sons and their families. Services were held on June 9 in Essex Junction, with burial in the National Veterans Cemetery in Randolph. Contributions in his memory should be made to the District 45 Sight and Hearing Fund, care of Vermont Lions Charities.

New Members Need Duties

Getting new members is not easy, but once they have been asked to join, and they say yes, induct that new member and make them an important part of the club. Being an important part of the club, means that they have responsibilities. They must be an active member, serve on an active committee and be asked to help out with club activities. If a new member is inducted and then never asked to participate, they won't be with you long. Not everyone is going to jump right in without being asked. Make sure your new members become active right away.

Sponsors should know what a new members interests are, make sure they become active, and stay active. The club officers are responsible for keeping the sponsors on the job and those new members active. New members might have to remind their sponsors of their job too.



Vergennes Lions Club--District Governor Elect Bruce Bushey installed two new members at his home club on June 17. L to R, DGE Bruce, new member Chris Bradford, sponsor Larry Simino, new member Nelson Sears, sponsor Rob Keith, and Past International Director Jules Coté.

Vermont Lions Clubs, District 45 Website
www.d45lions.com

Check the internet for all the latest news
from Vermont Lions

2009 – 2010 Directory Printed

District Governor Bruce Bushey has announced the completion of the 2009-2010 District 45 Directory. With the great skills and help of Past King Lion Paul Bessette of Vergennes, the new directory has been published. Copies are being sent to each club president and secretary. Members of the cabinet and past district governors will also receive their copy in the mail. Members desiring a copy can get them at cabinet meetings or by ordering them through the cabinet secretary-treasurer, Lion Mike O'Daniel (See page 1). Copies are also available electronically through the CST.

Organization Meeting, July 19 at Austine

DG Bushey has announced the organizational meeting of the new cabinet, it will be held at the Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp in Brattleboro, beginning 10 a.m. There will be a special training program for Region Chairs and Zone chairs and their lunches will be complementary. Notify the CST of your plans to attend. A special letter will be sent out to all cabinet officers.

May District 45 Convention



At a busy weekend in Essex, VT the District 45 Lions inducted new members, presented many Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards and elected new leadership for 2009-10. District Governor Patrick McWilliams led the annual meeting through a successful weekend with more than 120 Vermont Lions participating. PDG Stan Patch was convention chair.

Vergennes Lion Bruce Bushey was elected District Governor and Swanton Missisquoi Lion Sherry Lee Juare (left) was elected Vice District Governor. When you receive this issue, they will be at the International Convention in Minneapolis, MN. District Governor-elect Bushey spoke after the elections about his plans for the district. They officially are declared elected at the international convention.

August 22 District 45 Cabinet Meeting announced. D.G. Bruce will hold this meeting at Lion Charlie Shapiro's barn in Ferrisburgh. All cabinet members, club secretaries and presidents are asked to attend to kick off this new year of Lionism. This session is being hosted by the Vergennes Lions Club, the meal will be catered, **\$12.00 each.**

Events begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration, coffee and goodies. The Honorary Committee (Past District Governors) will meet at 8:00 a.m. Vermont Lions Charities will meet at 9:00 a.m.

The opening session will be held at 9:15a.m., followed by break-out sessions for these committees and officers: Sight and Hearing, Diabetes, club presidents, and club secretaries.

At 10:30 a.m. the cabinet meeting will be called to order. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., with the cabinet meeting continuing at 12:30 p.m. Bring items for a silent auction fund raiser. See page 4 for information on the ladies program and travel directions for this cabinet meeting. The 911 address for your GPS is: 628 Robinson Road, Ferrisburgh, 05456. Watch for the Lions signs, off Route 7, about a mile south of Dakin Farm or a mile north of Ferrisburgh village.

Please send your registration to CST Lion Mike O'Daniel by August 10, make checks payable to VT Lions D-45 and mail to CST Mike O'Daniel, 25 Hopkins Road, Vergennes, VT 05491

Plan on us to attend the Cabinet meeting, Number _____ X \$12.00 = _____ enclosed.

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Representing _____ Lions Club. Phone# or email address _____

Registrations can be emailed to the CST, cst@d45lions.com, check still required to be mailed. Agenda will be emailed to all one week prior to the meeting. **Deadline: August 10. Bring lawn chairs to assist the hosts.**

Vermont Lions Charities Report

Fellow Lions,

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can report the completion of our commitment to the Shared Vision Fund. Seventeen clubs participated in the Walkathon generating Thirteen Thousand Dollars, fulfilling our goal. I really appreciate the help I received from many Lions that helped make this Walkathon a great success.

My wish to have more requests coming to VT Lions Charities is well on the way to happening. I have received four requests for assistance in the past two weeks, all in the range of four hundred to five hundred dollars each. Some clubs may find it necessary to approach VLC for help with sight and hearing requests as their local funds are exhausted. No club should hesitate to ask VLC for assistance if necessary.

These requests for sight and hearing assistance are heartwarming to fulfill but the Lions of Vermont will need to work hard to generate income to expend on these projects. I am trying to come up with a fall project that would unite all D45 Lions to raise more funds to meet these needs. If anyone has an idea please contact me.

I would like to recognize and thank the clubs that helped in the Walkathon. I am very grateful for their help and participation. They are as follows: Springfield, Lamoille Valley, Pittsford, Burlington, Essex Jct., Colchester, Jericho- Underhill, Bennington, Brandon-Forest Dale, Castleton, Ludlow, Manchester, Middlebury, Vergennes, Chester, Strafford and St. Johnsbury.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Rick Dutil, President



Special Spousal Program August 22

D-45 first lady Debbie Bushey has arranged a special program for spouses at the cabinet meeting in Ferrisburgh on August 22.



Our partner in service hostess, Deanna Shapiro is a very talented person and will host a special event at her home to read from and speak about her book, "Conversations at the Nursing Home: A

Mother, A Daughter and Alzheimer's." Deanna is both a poet and a painter. She holds a degree in English literature and graduate degrees in education and psychology. One nursing home administrator said, "Conversations at the Nursing Home...offers readers the opportunity to glimpse reality as experienced by the person with dementia. It demands that we recognize the individual as the sum of their life's experiences and render care in a manner which makes this reality the best possible. It should be required reading for [professional] caregivers."

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