

The New Communiqué

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More than 750 Vermont Lions now get this by Email. This issue is only by email. We have been working hard to get all the email addresses of our Vermont Lions. It is saving the District thousands of dollars and the volunteers a lot of time. This special issue **e-Communiqué** is only being sent by email. **Notice: The deadline for the next issue is February 15. Email: communiqué@d45lions.com**



D. G. Bruce Bushey says:

Actually not, this is your editor this time.

Governor Bruce has had a great year, but it is rapidly drawing to a close, only a few more very short months. He is shown here working at a Vergennes Lions community service project in early January. It is Merry Mulch Day, collecting all the old

Christmas trees and preparing them for a mulch making project. For many year the Lions in several Vermont clubs have been hosting a Christmas tree recycling day, in Vergennes the Lions get together for a cold day of picking up trees all over the city and delivering them to the site. Borrowed pickups, a city truck, whatever it takes to get the job done quickly.

About two hours of cold weather work and then breakfast for all the volunteers, at a local restaurant makes for a fun time. It's a shared project with good Lion friendships. Probably more important is the community relations and visibility the members get for their hard work.

Getting the word out of the work of your Lions Club is necessary to recruiting new members. Your citizens need to know the Lions are out there working in the community. Wear your Lions vests, be visible, carry out projects that will allow the community to understand the work of Lions, and invite them to join you.

Your local newspapers will often carry Lions related stories if you present the story to them in a way that is usable. Meet your editor, meet your reporters. Stop by the newspaper office and introduce yourself, and Lions. The editor is also a potential Lion. Invite the newspaper folks to a Lions event or meeting. Make sure they are properly introduced around and know who the members are. You have to peak their interest, and show that Lions are an important part of the community. The same goes for any potential member, show them the work of Lions and your importance in community service. It works.

Don't say you don't have enough time. You have the same number of hours in a day that were given to Helen Keller, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Thomas Jefferson, Albert Einstein and other world wonders.

Food from the Heart

The D-45 Food from the Heart program, chaired by Lion Tom Broughton, has become a terrific success with many clubs participating. As of this writing, 13 clubs have reported their participation. Over eight tons of food has been collected and delivered to food shelves in their areas. They also report more than \$6,000 in cash donations to this Lions service project. This is another very visible project to show the valuable work of Lions in your community.



If your club hasn't yet reported the success of your project to D. G. Bruce Bushey, please send in your report immediately. The plan is to have a complete report in the March issue of the Communiqué. Clubs who have reported are: Hinesburg, Swanton, Brandon-Forestdale, Middlebury, Heartland, Springfield, Georgia, Strafford, St. Johnsbury, Essex Junction, Shelburne, Jericho-Underhill, and Vergennes. If your club isn't listed here, please remind your Secretary to send D. G. Bruce the total weight and dollars collected.

Springfield Lions are shown here with some of the 1000 pounds of foods gathered at the local market.

District 45 – Vermont Lions Cabinet Meeting

March 20

St. Johnsbury Elks Club, 118 Western Avenue, St. Johnsbury

Reserve your Lunch and pre-register now:

Send this form and your check to CST Mike O'Daniel, 25 Hopkins Road, Vergennes, VT 05491.

**You can reserve for all your members attending from your club on one form,
or send them in individually.**

Name (s) _____, _____, _____

of _____ Lions Club will be attending the Cabinet Meeting.

Reserve _____ lunches @ \$16.00 each, Total Enclosed \$ _____. Payable, **D-45 Lions**.

Please reserve and pay in advance. Lunch and registration will be \$20.00 at the door!

Basic Agenda

Registration, coffee and goodies	8:00 am – 9:00 am
Honorary Committee Meeting	8:00 am – 9:00 am
Breakout Session 1	9:15 am – 10:30 am
Breakout Session 2	10:45 am – 12 noon
Lunch & Program	12 noon – 1:00 pm
Cabinet Meeting*	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

***Agenda will be sent out by the CST closer to the meeting.**

Need to stay overnight, special Lions rate, \$49 + tax at the Holiday Motel in St. J, call 802.748.8192