

# The New Communiqué

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If you get this issue by US mail, send us an email to be added to the email list. This year will complete the circle for new communications in Vermont Lions Clubs. Send articles to the Communiqué Editor by email if possible. Snail mail will still be accepted. The next issue will be November 1, the deadline is October 15 for all articles, announcements, photos or ideas for articles. Email to: [Communique@d45lions.com](mailto:Communique@d45lions.com)



District Governor Sherry Lee (left) and her sister Merry Souza, PDG and current Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer worked hard to make the August 18<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting a great success for the 75 Lion leaders attending.

## District 45 Governor Sherry Lee Juairé writes:

The August cabinet meeting was most successful with lots of sharing among the many clubs in attendance. Workshops were presented by several Lions to help club officers learn about their jobs as club leaders. Leadership chair PDG Bruce Bushey provided workshops for Secretaries (Bob Baran), Treasurers (John Sprague), and Presidents (Larry Myott). District committees had time for meetings as well, Vermont Lions Charities, Sight and hearing, Honorary (Past district Governors), Zone Chairs and a new member orientation were held.

Our guest speaker, Heather Burt, presented a very interesting program on the new Vermont Community Farm in St. Johnsbury. It was great to see this community effort, with such potential to get people involved, in producing foods for the community. One of their major goals is to teach where food comes from; while providing wholesome and nutritious natural foods to needy citizens. The program, in its first year, asks for volunteers to teach, weed, plant, and harvest more than two acres of vegetables in this great effort.

At the end of August, I have visited four clubs. It's very rewarding to see the efforts of clubs and the successes they have with their fund raising efforts. Every Lion, and every club has great ideas. I encourage club officers and leaders to participate in cabinet meetings and zone meetings to learn of others success. This is where the ideas come from to help your club grow and succeed as a leader in the community.

Now is the time to promote growth in your club, in projects, activities and membership. Now is the time to shine. Let your communities know who we are, wearing a pin or vest around non-Lions is very effective. People are curious and will ask what the insignia means. What a great opportunity to talk about Lions and our work in our communities. How about posting a notice or poster on community bulletin boards, ask friends to learn about Lions. Let the Beacon of Hope Shine!

## Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

You've heard lots about the LCI Peace Posters over the years. Members will remember DG Bruce Bushey bringing a winning poster to your club last year. It's a great project to get youth involved in Lions activities, encourage art in our schools and keep Lions in the forefront of our communities.



This was an award winner in the international contest in 2010. All the details of the contest are on the Lions Club International web site. Before we get to the LCI contest however, there is a contest for Vermont Lions Clubs

sponsorship.

The contest is open to students aged 11 to 13 on November 15, 2010. The contest visually depicts, the theme, ***Vision of Peace***. One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district level for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected and sent to International headquarters for final judging. Entries are judged on levels of originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the theme. During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

Lions Clubs need to order a Peace Poster Contest Kit from the Club Supplies division at LCI, the cost is \$9.95. Each kit has everything you need to sponsor one school or organized youth group. Kits are available now until October 1 so order soon to be ready.

Debra Savery is the District Chair for this year. Contact her at email: [tallships@vermontel.net](mailto:tallships@vermontel.net). Also, you can contact Debra at 802.875.2990. Just another way to show, We Serve.

## USA-Canada Lions Forum

The 2010 Lions USA-Canada Lions Forum will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 23-25. Vergennes Lion Debbie Bushey is the D-45 chair of the USA-Canada Forum. You can still register to join about 2,500 Lions from across North America. This is one of the greatest Lions programs

in the world, providing leadership training and educational opportunities to Lions. For complete details, contact Debbie at: [dbbushey@gmavt.net](mailto:dbbushey@gmavt.net) or 802.475.2269. There is a sizable delegation of Vermont Lions attending, you can join them.

## Communiqué Editors Need Help

This issue of the Communiqué is No. 2 of this Lions year. It is brought to you by District 45, being paid for by Lions dues, and the labors of several volunteers. More than 800 Vermont Lions now receive this newsletter by email. Please share this issue with your friends and family. Let them know what happens in Vermont Lions activities. You can simply forward this newsletter to family and friends on email.

If you have email and received this issue by snail mail, then you are costing Vermont Lions Clubs more than you should. The district is doing everything to save administrative costs, keeping your dues low. One includes this email letter; another cost saving measure is having the print copies made at the Vermont State Prison for Women in St. Albans. As a 501(c)3, Vermont Lions Charities qualifies to have their printing done at the prison. They do a great job for us and this allows us to get the print copies out in a timely manner.

***Club Secretaries***, we need your help. Send your monthly reports out on time and make sure the Communiqué editors are on your distribution list. Email to: [communiqué@d45lions.com](mailto:communiqué@d45lions.com). Please make sure you include new member information and their email address so they get the next issue.

Articles and photos should be sent to the same email address. By snail mail send articles to Larry Myott, P.O. Box 6, Franklin, VT 05457. Articles should be brief and to the point, explain what you want to say, involve people, how did this help the community. Photos should be clean and in focus. The editors reserve the right to use the photos in a way that fits with the article, cropping as necessary.

*Deadline for November issue, October 15— to include January fundraisers and cabinet meeting.*

## Recent New Members in D-45

St. Johnsbury Lions welcomed new **Lions Travis Fadden** and **Jeremy Dixon** at a recent meeting.

Troy and Area Lions welcomed new **Lion Fran Elliot** of Westfield at their July meeting.

If secretaries will report more new members to the editor, they'll be reported in the November issue.

## Vermont Lions Charities Report

Fellow Lions,

At our Vermont Lions Charities board meeting in St. Johnsbury on August 21, the board approved a grant of up to \$19,200 to help pay for the bath house facility at the Vermont Lions-Austine Camp for the Hearing Impaired in Brattleboro. Also approved was a \$2000 grant to the Vermont Association for the Blind to provide large print calendars.

The Jericho-Underhill Lions applied for and received \$1,250, to help them purchase hearing aids for two community members. Finally, the Board approved a \$500 donation to **The Veterans Place**, a community based non-profit transitional housing program for homeless veterans in Northfield.

We also purchased several pairs of eyeglasses for Vermonters not living in an area covered by a local Lions club.

The 2010 Vermont Lions Big Dine Out Raffle is underway. Tickets have been distributed to clubs in all four regions. Details of how it works were in the July Communiqué, but briefly, each of the four regions solicited 15 of their top restaurants, purchasing a \$50 gift certificate with the restaurant donating two \$25 gift certificates. There will be one winner of all \$50 gift cards in each region. All \$25 cards will be drawn individually as 30 second prizes per region. If every Vermont Lion purchased one ticket, the VLC would net nearly \$25,000 to continue our work. **We Serve**.

The drawings will take place at the October Fall Conference in Killington. When your club presents the tickets, please take part and help your organization continue its great service to Vermonters.

Every Lion who sells five or more tickets will be entered into a drawing for a free weekend at the District Convention at the Equinox House in Manchester, next April.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Rick Dutil*, President

**“At the end of the day, it’s not what I learned but what I taught, not what I got but what I gave, not what I did but what I helped another achieve that will make a difference in someone’s life, and mine”**

**Sid Scruggs III** Lions International President

## Notes from Governor Sherry Lee

The new 2010-11 Directory was distributed at the August cabinet meeting. The traveling Lion chart is incorrect, if there are any more corrections, please email DG Sherry Lee at: [dg@d45lions.com](mailto:dg@d45lions.com). Once all corrections have been made, it will be sent out to all Vermont Lions by being placed on the district website, [www.d45.com](http://www.d45.com).

District 45 inherited a deeded Time Share at The Seasons Resort in Warren, Vermont several years ago. Since then the district has conducted an annual raffle as a fund raiser. Again, we have tickets available for a week-long stay, February 25 through March 3, 2012. Tickets are available at each Cabinet Meeting for \$20.00, the drawing will be held at the 2011 Spring Convention. The time share is a fully furnished one bedroom unit that sleeps four. There are lots of amenities and a great time to be had. For more information contact Lion Betsy Magee, [lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com).

D-45 will have an information table at the **South Hero Applefest** on October 9 & 10 in South Hero. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth from 10 am to 4 pm each day. Colchester Lions are having a diabetes screening at the event. Our table will be right beside them. Contact DG Sherry Lee for details: [dg@d45lions.com](mailto:dg@d45lions.com). Applefest is a great little country fair, celebrating the fall harvest, with lots of activities and lots of folks that may want to be Lions. It will be a fun time.

## Fall Cabinet Meeting at Killington

There will still be lots of good foliage viewing when the annual Vermont Lions Fall Conference and Cabinet Meeting takes place at the Inn of Six Mountains in Killington, October 22 and 23.

Friday evening, for those staying over, promises to be a fun filled evening. Saturday will kick off with the opening session at 9 am, followed by break-out sessions, committee meetings and the general session.

Saturday afternoon will be the Cabinet Meeting. See the enclosed registration forms, for the full conference, or meals only. Your registration is due by October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Lions theme for October, **Sharing the Vision—**

In October, plan a sight related event-like Colchester’s Diabetes Screening, it will bring your club into the forefront of activities in your community. Secretaries, Report your event to LCI.





## Huge success for 2010 Walkathon

Vermont Lions Charities President Rick Dutil reports that more than \$19,000 was raised in the annual event. Our poster child is (shown here) Riley McLaughlin, with her dog Carter, has benefited greatly—getting her dog to assist with her disability.

## Colchester Lions in July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade



A fun time was had on July 4<sup>th</sup> when Lions entered a float in the annual parade. The float was themed, *Beacon of Hope*. Visually

Impaired, Hearing Impaired, Less Fortunate, Youth, and Seniors. The Lions were seen having fun and helping the community too.

## Speak-Out Contest, 2011

Your Club can host a Speak-Out Contest to help **Share the Vision**.

Give it a try, it will warm all of your hearts to see and hear the talented junior and senior students in your area share their views on our International President's theme "*A Beacon of Hope*". It also gives your Club an association with the very people that are essential to the future of the work of Lionism.

The materials needed are available on the D-45 web site; including a step by step procedure to insure a timely and successful contest. Also included is an sample Speak-Out form used by Brandon-Forestdale and Pittsford Club's (sharing a Union High School) each year to show you what awards we give to the Contest participants, your Club will have to decide what is best for you. There is another form for you to fill in with your information, and a judging form for your contest. Advise students who may want to participate to go to the

Lions International site and read International President, Sid L. Scruggs III speech on "A Beacon of Hope," a necessary tool to inspire your writers.

Got questions? Call Chair Jackie Dutil at 802.247.3490 or email: [jdutil775@comcast.net](mailto:jdutil775@comcast.net). Go to [www.d45lions.com](http://www.d45lions.com) for all the details.

## New Members Needed

Challenge your club to increase their membership. First, make a list of friends, relatives, acquaintances, and colleagues, then submit this list to your Club Membership Chair. Don't just think about it, do it. Go to your club loaded with a list of potential new members, help your club to develop a plan and then really help to carry out that plan. District 45 lost four clubs last year, because they did not recruit new active members. Keep your club alive. The folks on your list will never join your club if they aren't invited.

District 45 has a membership chair that can help you and your club, but you have to do the work—make the list and invite potential Lions to be a part of your club. Get in touch with Lion Tommy Walz at 802.476.7819 or email: [twalz@aol.com](mailto:twalz@aol.com).

"If we could get 1.3 million Lions to recommit to service it would make a huge impact on the needs of people around the world." Sid Scruggs, III, President, Lions Clubs International

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## Address Service Requested

Vermont Lions District 45  
Fall Conference  
Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> & Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Overnight Accommodation Reservations**

must be sent directly to the

**Inn of Six Mountains**

**2617 Killington Road**

**Killington, VT 05751**

**802-422-4302**

**No Later than October 8, 2010**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Lodging for One \_\_\_\_\_ @\$160.61 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes Friday Night Banquet, Saturday Danish, Coffee & Lunch)

Friday Night Lodging for Two \_\_\_\_\_ @\$218.31 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes Two Friday Night Banquets, 2 Saturday Danishes, Coffee & Two Saturday Lunches)

Friday and Saturday Night Lodging for One \_\_\_\_\_ @\$263.52 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes Friday Night Banquet, Saturday Danish, Coffee & Lunch)

Friday and Saturday Night Lodging for Two \_\_\_\_\_ @\$321.22 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Includes Two Friday Night Banquets, Saturday Danishes, Coffee & Two Saturday Lunches)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires On \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$100 minimum required)

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**Reservations for MEALS only must be sent directly to:**

CST Merry Souza  
3126 Vermont Route 78  
Highgate Center, VT 05459

**No Later than October 8, 2010**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_,

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Banquet - Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Morning Danish and Coffee and Luncheon – Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Night**

Buffet 7 PM

Featuring a FUN FILLED Special Event “Lions Face Off” Game Show with AWESOME Prizes

**Saturday**

8:00 AM - Registration

9:00 – 9:15 AM - Opening Session

9:15 – 10:15 AM - Break Out Session I

10:30 – 11:30 AM - Honorary Committee Meeting

10:30 – 11:30 AM Break Out Session II

11:30 – 1:00 PM Luncheon with Guest Speaker

1:00 – 3:00 PM Cabinet Meeting

**Additional Information**

Silent Auction 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Items for Silent Auction will be greatly appreciated)

200 Club Tickets Available, the Big Dine-Out drawings

***Special Computer Session E-Clubhouse***, taught by members of the Vergennes Lions Club

Vote on Proposed By-Law Changes, will be warned to clubs prior to Fall Conference