

# The New Communiqué

District 45 – Vermont Lions Charities

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In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship

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## **DG Steve Simpson writes:**

It seemed like just yesterday that Lions Julie and I were heading for Seattle, WA to join International President Tam and 750 other District Governors for Training and to start our year. It has already been 2 months since I started serving District 45 during which time we have had happiness and sorrow in our family of Lions.

First, I want to tell each of you that I am honored to be your District Governor for 2011-2012 and representing our great state.

As Lions Julie and I travel around the state, we have met great people that "Believe" in Lionism and who are "Making Dreams Come True." We have clubs that have done projects for Cancer such as raising money for a Cancer Machine, donating money to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta or cooking a meal for Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp and Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. Some clubs have reported they have constructed wheel chair ramps, filled food boxes for the needy, helped with the flooding that occurred around the state and drove campers from Austine to the Lions Twin State Soccer games. Other projects that are in the works around the state include Fall Festivals, and Alzheimer's walk and starting our pledge that I made to IP Tam of planting 100 trees for his "Million Tree Campaign in District 45.

As always, several clubs are heavily involved in fundraising activities such as auctions, car shows, raffles and food booths, which is a big part of how we get our money to do our projects and eye glasses. Thanks to those clubs that are using "Promotional Row" in the Communiqué to promote your upcoming events, whether it be for help or just Club interactions. As a reminder, there will also be a space at the Cabinet meetings for "Promotional Row."

I also want to thank the clubs and Lions that have brought in 15 new Members to our growing family of District 45 Vermont and to those of you who are getting the message of "Lionism" out by using press releases in your local Newspapers.

Don't forget, if you need information or help, the District is here for you. As our Lions toast states, "Not above you, not beneath you, but always with you." You are my clubs, my family.

With that said, I must also talk about the sadness that we have felt. I would like to thank all the Lions who attended the two funerals that we have had so far this Lions year. I would like to dedicate this issue of the Communiqué to a Lion's Lion and a Great friend who will be deeply missed, **Lion Rick Dutil**, Vermont Lions Charities President.

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(cont'd) Lion Rick exemplified what a Lion is. He went above and beyond for those in need, not just in his community, but within District 45. Lion Rick "believed" and "made dreams come true" for those in need by leading Vermont Lions Charities. Lion Rick led the annual "Journey for Sight" Walkathon and "The Big Dine Out," which allowed us to raise several thousand dollars since their inception and has given sight to several people in communities that are under-served, as well as a seizure dog for a little girl in Jericho-Underhill. To date, the dog is also being used in her school for others. So with this, I want to let you know that I have talked to Vice President Mel Coburn of VLC, and these two great tools that Lion Rick has given us will continue. I have asked Lions Loreen Teer and Cindy Berg from Jericho-Underhill to head up "The Big Dine Out." They will be working with Lion Rick's Regional Coordinators to finalize the Big Dine Out. If your club is working on getting those Restaurants or selling tickets, let's make Lion Rick proud. We will miss you Dear Friend.

*DG Steve Simpson*  
*We Serve*

**All you ever wanted to know about CST**  
**Ken Emery**



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Cabinet Secretary Treasurer, PDG Betsy

MaGee;  
Participant Vermont Lions Charities Walk-a-Thon, 4 consecutive years;  
Zone 1A Chair, PDG Stan Patch;  
Colchester Lions Club President, Two Years

Secretary Four Years

Speakout Chair Four Years

Auction Chair

Anything else you would like to know?

Oh, yea, best friend. My cat, Ziggy see photo.

**Vermont Lions Charities Election**

There will be an election for VT Lions Charities President and any other elected position that may become vacant. The criteria for Presidency is as follows:

- Club President for 1 year
- Club Board of Directors for 2 years
- Served on the District Cabinet as Zone Chair, Region Chair or Cabinet Secretary Treasurer for 1 year.

**New District 45 Members**

Since July, we have had an explosion of new members added to our Lions family. We welcome all of them!

Barre: Stacy Caderette

Marble Valley: Diane Graham

Norshaft: Rose Carlsen, Ken Carlsen, Lisa Harrington-Redding, Frances Krawczyk, Sarah Wilson, Ron Lindsey, Rosemary Lindsey, James Meskun, Linda Meskun, Robin Hayes-Gardner and Paul Rice

Pittsford: Deb McLemore

Williston: Marianne Leach

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## Tropical Storm Irene



We've all seen the pictures of the aftermath of the worst flooding that Vermont has seen since 1938, all thanks to Tropical Storm Irene. Our state has been ravaged and left a great many people in need, including some of our fellow Lions. Many of our roads and bridges were washed out,

leaving some communities cut off from the rest of the world via normal means of transport. Houses and businesses suffered major damage or were completely destroyed.

Nevertheless, when tragedy strikes, that's when Lions do what comes naturally. We Serve. DG Steve Simpson and PDG Sherry Lee Juare secured a \$10,000.00 grant from LCIF to help supply food, water, blankets, medications, soap, toothpaste and clothing to Irene's victims.

Clubs and communities that weren't greatly affected by the storm rallied to help. The Vergennes Club secured a trailer to collect supplies to deliver to the Rutland area. Using a list based on the Food From the Heart drive, they collected food and personal supplies, enough to fill the trailer nearly ¾ full by the end of their collection. That combined with the \$1,000.00 they were able to collect, they have made miracles happen.



The Barre Club jumped into action as well. They worked with local vendors to provide food and needed supplies to communities in need. They secured vouchers with Aubuchon's for clean-up supplies to give to qualified people. A local food wholesaler worked with the club to put together boxes of food in water for

distribution through a flood relief center or handed out in the affected neighborhoods. They put together packets of goods and necessities purchases at a dollar store and even arranged with a local grocery store to provide a number of food vouchers.

Even Lions North of the border, in Cowansville, Quebec were called to action and offered assistance to D-45.

These are great examples of what Lionism is all about. It is truly impressive what we can do when we band together for a common goal.

It'll be a long time before Vermont has fully recovered from the effects of Tropical Storm Irene. Lions aren't going anywhere though. We will always be here to Serve those in need.

## Lions In Action



Shelburne Lions Carl Sorensen, KL Jayne Sorensen and Jim Donaldson delivering school supplies to Channel 5 for the Class Act program.



At the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game, the Windsor Lions served food to over 300 people.

## Vermont Lions Charities Report

Fellow Lions,

We met August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Austine School in Brattleboro to conduct business without the leadership of Lion Rick Dutil.

As demands for services from areas not covered by a Lions Club continue to grow, we do our best to meet those demands with surrounding clubs and VLC when needed. At this meeting, we approved \$1,104.00 to the Valley Lions Club and \$500.00 to the Swanton Missisquoi Lions Club for eyeglass assistance. We also approved \$1,300.00 to the Chandler Center for the Arts in Randolph, VT, so they can install hearing-assist equipment in their theater.

Lions Loreen Teer and Cindy Berg of Jericho-Underhill Lions Club have been appointed by DG Steve to co-chair the Dine-Out Fundraiser. Tickets will be available soon, and I believe the drawing will be held at a date later than the Fall Conference, possibly at their club meeting in December. More information will be forthcoming from them.

Vermont Lions Charities has been very fortunate to have some great Lions serve as President. PDG Ken Ellis was the first, getting VLC formulated and leading us through the early years. PID Jules Coté getting the Shared Vision Fund started, thereby assuring VLC will be the charitable arm of VT Lions for years to come.

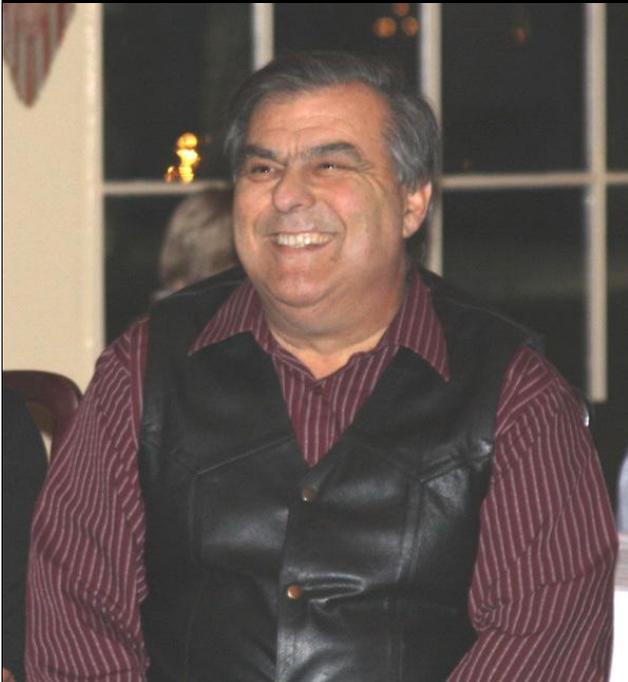
And Lion Rick Dutil, whose fundraising ideas have been unparalleled and his leadership skills second to none. For the passion and commitment he had for VLC, we thank him for all he did. Lion Rick will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Lion Jackie and her family.

Respectfully Yours in Lionism,

*PDG Mel Coburn*

Vice President, Vermont Lions Charities

### This Issue is Dedicated to Lion Rick Dutil



You will be missed, Good Friend!

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*Vermont Lions District 45  
October 29, 2011  
Fall Conference Invitation*

*Dear Lions and Guests,*

*District Governor Steve would like to invite all Cabinet Officers, Presidents, Secretaries, Past District Governors, Lions, Spouses and Guests to the Fall Conference of 2011 - 2012. The Conference will be at held at the Capitol Plaza, Montpelier VT.*

*Schedule of Events (subject to change)*

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.:	Continental Breakfast, Cost \$10
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.:	Registration
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.:	Promotion Row
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.:	Fundraising: Silent Auction, 200 club, 50/50 raffle
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.:	Welcome Ceremonies
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.:	Spousal Program – Part 1
9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:	Work Sessions (see complete schedule of events)
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.:	Buffet Lunch , Costs \$20 Guest Speaker: Teresa Faust, Vt. Dept. of Libraries Leader Blind and Physically Handicapped Division
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.:	Spousal Program – Part II
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.:	Cabinet Meeting
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.:	Hospitality Room
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.:	Halloween Celebration: Costume Contest, Jack-o-lanterns Contest Other contests to be announced Buffet Dinner \$30 Guest Speaker: Donna Diaz, Director of Programs Special Olympics Vermont

**Registration deadline for meals only is October 21, 2011 and must be made with CST Ken Emery.** NEW MEMBERS (new in last 12 months and who have not attended a cabinet meeting previously) will be guests of District 45 for lunch only but must attend the New Member Orientation.

Room reservations ONLY MUST BE MADE through Capitol Plaza no later than October 7, 2011, \$98 single, \$108 double per night.

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Please send registration and check payable to District 45 Vermont Lions to:

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Or contact via email: [doogle@surfglobal.net](mailto:doogle@surfglobal.net), OR cell: 802-578-7483

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion and Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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IMPORTANT: Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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