



THE COMMUNIQUE DISTRICT 45 VERMONT DG STEVE SIMPSON



January 2012

District Governor's Corner

It's hard to believe that it has been 6 months since I became District Governor. I want to thank each Lions member of our Great Clubs and District for the time and commitment that you made to me and Lion's. I would like to thank each and every club that has hosted my visitations and it has been great meeting each and every club member and for making Lions Julie and I part of your families.

As Lions Julie and I travel around the state we have seen the destruction that Tropical Storm Irene has caused. It has come in the form of flooding in the North to complete disaster in the South and I want to let all the clubs in District 45 know that you are doing a fantastic job in meeting those needs. Several of the members have told me stories about activities that they have been working on or have worked on in the past and it truly shows that each and every member "Believes" in "Making dreams come true" for our communities and friends.

A couple of the clubs have received thank you notes from people that have received help from us.

Barre Lions: A big THANK YOU from the community of Northfield. We are grateful for all the Help. Doreen

Dear Members of the Barre Lions clubs. Thank you all so much for the flood relief food box that you supplied to my wife and I. This flood has ruined so many people's lives. Our damage was miniscule compared to others, but we are struggling right now, so thank you so much. We know that we can eat and get some materials to repair some damage. This is the first help, other than family that we received and is so greatly appreciated. Michael and Patricia from Northfield.

Whitingham-Halifax Lions: Thank you for the very generous gift of vouchers for Sam's. The kindness from friends, family, community members and those of you from nearby communities has been overwhelming. This reminds us of how wonderful our VT neighbors are.

Thank you so much for the gift certificates we received from you. It was very much appreciated. I did get to Brattleboro yesterday to use them for some winter items that we needed. It has been a devastating experience losing our home. We are still trying to figure out what we'll be doing-if we can rebuild where we were or have to relocate. We have been very fortunate in receiving all the help we have from the community. Thank you again. Gratefully



On Sunday October 16th I had the pleasure of working with 25 Fellow Lions who were giving back to the people of Irene and volunteers. We converged on the South Royalton square and set up to give a free BBQ lunch to the communities of South Royalton, Sharon, Royalton, Stockbridge and Rochester. We served up about 200 meals for them and the gratitude was overwhelming. Thank you to Essex Jct, Georgia, Heartland and Strafford Lions. It was fantastic to see so many Lions having a great time getting together and doing a great thing for the community. **Keep up the great work you do.**



What's happening in Our future?

Jan 21st Jan Cabinet Meeting and Super Raffle, Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT

Feb 9th DG Steve planned Visitation with Orleans Lions.

Feb 11th Food from the Heart, Contact Lion Harry Curth for more information.

March 6th DG Steve planned Visitation with Border Lions.

March 17th March Cabinet Meeting and Speak Out Contest, American Legion Hall, Middlebury, VT

May ? Vermont Lions Charities Walkathon, Rutland State Fairgrounds, Rutland VT.

May 18th – May 20th Spring Convention @ Jay Peak Resort, Jay, VT

June 22nd-26th 95th International Convention, Busan, Republic of Korea.

July 21st Lions Twin State Soccer Game, Franklin-Pierce College, NH

Sept USA/Canada Forum, Tampa, Fla.

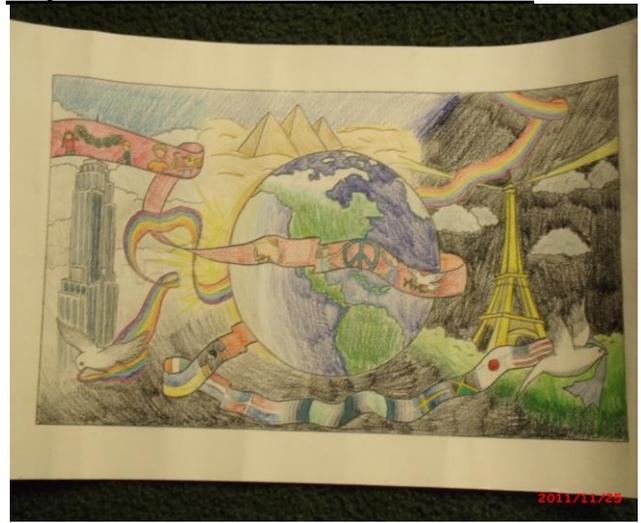
Promotional Row:

March 31st White River Junction Lions will be holding a benefit for Red Logan Dental Clinic which provides free dental and health care. The event will take place from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the White River Junction American Legion. Cost is \$10 per person and there will be 2 bands (Dr. Burma and Squid). Lions are asked to bring an item for the silent auction.

June 2nd White River Junction Lions Car and Antique Tractor Show. Syke's Ave just off I91/I89 follow signs. \$5 per car/spectator's free (rain date June 3rd)

Windsor Lions They want everyone to know that there will be no second meeting for Jan 2012 and if weather is an issue for the 1st Tuesday of February then they will meet the 3rd Tuesday. Regular schedule will resume in March 2012.

Peace Poster Contest 2011: **1st place Kirk Teare-Essex Lions Club:**



2nd Place Misha Hubacek-Enosburg Lions:



3rd Place David Yi-Georgia Lions club:



Vice District Governor Bob Reports:

January 2012 already, first month of the New Year and 7th month of the Lions Year. District Governor Steve has been at the helm for over 7 months and has been very busy with the club visitations and the disaster relief that District 45 and LCI has provided to the many clubs and towns. Many Lions hours and thousands of dollars have gone into the effort. GREAT JOB DG Steve and District 45.

With 5 months left in the Lions year, it is time for me to look forward to my year as District Governor. I want to be ready to drop anchor on July 1 in District 45. I have been working on plans for the D45 Fall Conference, cabinet meetings and the spring convention. I have asked Pam Nichols, President of the Manchester Lions Club to be my Cabinet Secretary and Kathy Gallett, Secretary of the Bennington Lions Club to be my Cabinet Treasurer. DG Steve filled many of the 2011-2012 cabinet positions with new Lions from around the state who have served District 45 very well. Therefore I would like to keep the cabinet as stable as possible for the New Year and make changes only where they are needed. I hope to catch up with all cabinet members over the next couple of months to determine what each and every one of you can do to make 2012-2013 a very successful year. As we head toward the end of the Lions 2011-2012 year, each of us needs to ask ourselves what we can do to help our club and District. Over the next few months, I challenge each District 45 Lions member to "Make a Difference". Do something good for your club and bring in a new member. Our clubs need to grow as well as District 45.

DG Steve has improved the communication between the district and the clubs this year very much. In order to keep the communication going, please help out by completing your PU 101's early and send me a copy. I have started the 2012-2013 directory and would like to include ALL Club officers in the directory.

Please feel free to contact me in the near future with your thoughts about your current position or a position that you would like to hold in District 45 for 2012-2013 or future years.

I can be reached at 802-379-2600 or wilcoxrw@aol.com.

Drop Your Anchor in District 45

V DG Bob

Vermont Lions Charities:

With the election of President and Vice President of VLC at the Fall Conference.

I am pleased to announce that as of January 1st the President for VLC is CST Ken Emery.

He can be contacted about VLC concerns at 146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester, VT 05446. His cell phone # is 1-802-578-7483 and email is doogle@surfglobal.net. Congratulations Lion Ken.

I am also pleased to announce that Lion Debbie Bushey has been elected as Vice President of VLC and she can be contacted at PO Box 222, Vergennes, VT 05491. Her phone # is 1-802-877-1528 and email is dbbushey@gmavt.net.

Congratulations Lion Debbie.

Lion Lyle Remick is now a Director for Region 1 on Vermont Lions Charities. Welcome to the VLC Board Lion Lyle.

A Huge Thank you goes out to PDG Mel Coburn for being our interim President.

Communique Change:

Please send all Communique articles, pictures and information to me for the remainder of the year. My email address is sjsimpsonvt@gmail.com and please put Communique in the Subject.

I want to personally welcome any new Lion's members to our Family and look forward to meeting each of you.

Let's continue to "Believe and through Lionism Make Dreams Come True"

DG Steve Simpson

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