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## **Tommy Walz Writes:**

As I write this, we are on the verge of the annual turkey feast and shopping frenzy. As we pass the potatoes and make up our gift lists, let's keep in mind that this is a perfect time of year (actually, all times of the year are good) to keep the less fortunate in mind.

There are families in Vermont who cannot have a dinner with turkey and all the fixings. Keep them in mind. There are children in Vermont who do not have sufficient winter clothing and will receive little if anything at Christmas. There are seniors in Vermont who face these family holidays alone. There are wounded veterans who are struggling to get their lives back together. We cannot forget them.

I encourage you as individual Lions and as clubs to reach out. Many of you do already sponsor Christmas parties for kids, provide dinners for the poor and elderly, and contribute to food shelves. We can bring some comfort and a little bit of joy into others' lives. After all, it is what we Lions do.

My club visits for December and January (so far):

Dec. 2, Strafford & Area  
Dec. 4, Brattleboro (2<sup>nd</sup> informational meeting)  
Dec. 9, Jericho-Underhill  
Jan. 14, Valley  
Jan. 15, Colchester  
Jan. 22, Essex Junction

In November I visited Brattleboro, Whitingham-Halifax, Brandon-Forestdale, and Derby.

We hope to have very good news soon about a new club in Brattleboro. We already have a core of enthusiastic people who are ready to become Lions and are working to get the numbers up over the 20 needed. So this is a heads-up to all of you: stay tuned to news of a charter night in Brattleboro. Thanks to PDG Stan Patch, who has devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to get this club going. We also thank other NH and VT Lions in the area who are pitching in. *(continued on next page)*

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*(Tommy Walz Writes continued...)*

As of the end of November, only four clubs have met the growth goal of a net increase of two or more members:

Barre +2

Chester +2

Georgia +8 (!!)

Strafford Area +2

At the October cabinet meeting, Georgia Lions issued a challenge to other clubs to match their recruiting performance. They are off and running, and the rest of us have some work to do catch up with them.

In contrast, 19 clubs are showing a net decrease in membership this year. We are still losing ground. Every club must have a plan for recruiting and retaining members. Any club that wants some assistance or ideas should contact Global Membership Team Chair Rob Keith. The time to recruit is NOW.

I wish everyone the best of holiday seasons.

District Governor Tommy Walz

## Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

| December 2013 |  |
|---------------|--|
| 2             | District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Strafford & Area Lions Club  |
| 3             | District Traveling Lion Available for Capture at Brandon Forest Dale Senior Center with silent auction and 50/50 raffle. 6:30 social/7:00 dinner; notify Lion Connie St. George at 802.352.4686 by November 30 <sup>th</sup> .                                     |
| 3             | Region 4 Traveling Lion and Zone 4 Meeting St. Johnsbury Area Lions – 6pm at Grace United Methodist Church, Central Street, St. Johnsbury; notify Lion Judy Moulton at <a href="mailto:61dreams@gmail.com">61dreams@gmail.com</a> or 802.684.2585                  |
| 4             | District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Brattleboro Lions Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Informational Meeting)   |
| 4             | Region 2 Lion Available for Capture at Vergennes Lions Club – now meeting at the St. Peter’s Parish Hall, 85 South Maple Street; notify PDG Larry Simino at <a href="mailto:lsimino@gmavt.net">lsimino@gmavt.net</a> or 802.759.2448 by December 1 <sup>st</sup> . |
| 9             | District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Jericho-Unerhill Lions Club  |
| January 2014  |  |
| 9             | Zone 2C and 2B Combined Meeting – Manchester - Location still to be determined.  |
| 14            | District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Valley Lions Club  |
| 15            | District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Colchester Lions Club  |
| 18/19         | District 45 Cabinet Meeting and LCIF Super Raffle in Colchester at the Hampton Inn   |
| 22            | District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Essex Junction Lions Club  |
| February 2014 |  |
| 15            | Heartland Lions Club Annual Valentine’s Day/Dinner Dance, cost \$100 per couple for dinner/dancing. Event will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon, NH. See any member for tickets.                                    |

## LCIF Super Raffle and Cabinet Meeting

The LCIF Super Raffle will be held on January 18th at the Hampton Inn in Colchester in conjunction with DG Tommy Walz's cabinet meeting. The Festivities start with 5:30 social and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 each which entitles the holder to two meals at the banquet along with the chance in winning over \$4500 in prizes, including the grand prize of \$2000.

This event offers the opportunity to meet old friends, establish new ones and support our LCIF Foundation.

As in years past, each club which purchases a ticket has the opportunity to nominate a deserving Lions for the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

All club presidents or secretaries have received tickets and additional tickets are available through a committee member. Reservations for the evening banquet must be made by Saturday, January 11th.

We are asking clubs from every corner of our District to help secure quality prizes from your respective areas. Each prize given out should be of \$100 value or more. We welcome smaller prizes to offer as door prizes throughout the evening.

For those choosing to stay at the Hampton Inn on Saturday night, please be sure to make your reservations directly with the Hampton Inn at 802-655-6177; and request the Lion's rate of \$99.

We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your support of LCIF in District 45.

For more information, please contact PID Tom at 802-758-2494.

PID TOM BROUGHTON

PDG MEL COBURN

PDG MERRY SOUZA

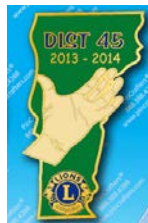
PDG BETSY MAGEE

PDG BRUCE BUSHEY

Know someone that isn't receiving this newsletter? Send me their e-mail address so I check that I have the accurate information. Also, have them check "junk" mail folder and add [mgaines@middlebury.edu](mailto:mgaines@middlebury.edu) to safe addresses.

### Pin Prices

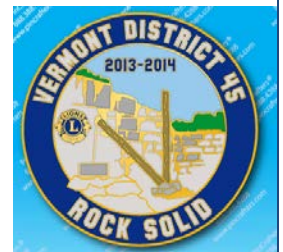
I have the district pin, "Rock Solid" and the personal pin, "We Reach Out." We've decided to offer them for \$3.00 apiece or both together for \$5.00.



I also have some of PDG Sherry Lee Juairé's and PDG Steve Simpson's pins and will offer them for \$2 apiece.

The pins will be available for purchase at the cabinet meetings, and could also be at zone meetings if so desired. Buying a pin supports the district, and I encourage Lions to pitch in.

If a club wants to order a quantity of them, please let me know.



# Traveling Lion

## DISTRICT TRAVELING LION CONTEST/POINT LEADERS

DISTRICT LION (currently at Brandon-Forestdale 12/3)

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| VERGENNES.....       | 890 |
| COLCHESTER.....      | 649 |
| BRANDON-             |     |
| FORESTDALE.....      | 429 |
| STRAFFORD AREA.....  | 180 |
| HEARTLAND.....       | 92  |
| WHITE RIVER JCT..... | 35  |



REGION 1 LION (currently at Jericho-Underhill 11/25)

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| ESSEX JCT.....        | 445 |
| COLCHESTER.....       | 48  |
| JERICO-UNDERHILL..... | 36  |
| WILLISTON.....        | 6   |

REGION 2 LION (currently at Vergennes 12/4)

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| VERGENNES.....  | 693 |
| NORSHAFT.....   | 368 |
| MANCHESTER..... | 200 |
| BENNINGTON..... | 125 |

REGION 3 LION (currently at Whitingham-Halifax 11/18)

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| READSBORO..... | 124 |
|----------------|-----|

REGION 4 LION (currently at St. Johnsbury 12/3)

This means that all (5) Lions will be roaming & roaring about their respective areas. To those Lions/clubs participating in the contest, good luck!!!! Have a great time with your club visitations.

Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG  
Chair, District Traveling Lion



*Jericho Lions capture the  
Region 1 Lion from  
Essex Junction Lions  
October 23rd*





## Heartland Lions Club:

The Heartland Lions Club has been busy and visible in our community!

In October the club welcomed a speaker about the Dismas House in Harford Vermont that is being established for individuals that are being released from correctional facilities helping to ease them back into the community. They also took part in the community Trunk and Treat for Halloween.

In November the club welcomed Alexis Taylor-Young. Alexis



attended the Austine Camp in July 2013 and had a great time and is looking forward to returning next year. She spoke about various activities, rock climbing/carnival/swimming/learning sign language and the friendships. It was a very positive experience! The club also made a donation to the three (3) food shelves for their holiday

baskets from the town of

Royalton, Sharon & Tunbridge. Members also made donations to the Royalton food shelf. And made a monetary donation to the Thanksgiving Community Dinner held in South Royalton. Members have also signed up to volunteer their time on the dinner.

In December the club will have their 37<sup>th</sup> annual memory/Christmas tree. The tree will be lit at Five Olde Tavern in South Royalton. This allows people to add the name of their loved one/including pets for a nominal fee. Bells are placed on the tree with their name and the name also appears on a poster at the location.

Looking ahead the club is planning their Annual Valentine's Day/Dinner Dance, cost \$100 per couple for dinner/dancing. Event will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon, NH. See any member for tickets.

Lion Carol Greene



## **Don't forget the Elf Express in Manchester!!**

The Manchester Lions Club is excited to announce the return of the “Elf Express™” featuring Christopher Pop-In-Kins®. This Holiday train ride was such an overwhelming success last year, the Lions decided to make it a yearly event. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Elf Express™ will depart r.k. Miles Depot Station in Manchester Center, Vermont on Saturday, December 21 and Sunday, December 22, 2013 and take its riders on a one hour enchanting journey through the Green Mountains of Southern Vermont.



Visit our website at

[www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com](http://www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com)

and Facebook page at

<http://www.Facebook.com/ManchesterLionsElfTrain>

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[LionsElfExpress@gmail.com](mailto:LionsElfExpress@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you on the Manchester Lions “Elf Express™”.

## Arlington Lions 2 newest members



KL Jim Erickson, new Lion Rob Weber, sponsor PDG Nick Monte.



PDG Nick Monte (sponsor/spouse) of new Lion Judy Monte with PDG Stan Patch.





Arlington Lions Club Gets Their Holiday Spirit On by Lighting it Up!!

The Arlington Garden Club members Pat and Linda with Zone 2C Chair Phyllis helping string Christmas lights with Arlington Lion November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Arlington Selectmen, John Smith and Keith Squires reaching the high spots!

Lion Phyllis (Norshaft), Garden Clubbers Pat and Linda, and Lion Rob Weber having a well deserved break.



Arlington Lion PDG Nick Monte and Selectman Dan Harvey.



## Joint Zone Meeting 2A and 2B Report

On a beautiful fall evening, Wednesday, October 9, Zones 2A & 2B held a joint zone meeting at the Cattails Restaurant in Brandon. The thirty-one Lions in attendance consisted of club President's & Secretaries, Vice President's, membership chairs, treasurers & members. The four point opening included a moment of silence for three deceased Lions; Lion Chet Stockman of the Bennington Lions, & Lions Bob Brooks & Dr. Ray Collins of the Middlebury Lions. Those asked to be remembered in prayers due to illness were PDG Paul Stough, PDG Phil Wheeler and Lions Jackie Dutil, Yvan La Plume and Deb Brace. When the four point opening concluded, a great dinner was served and enjoyed by all. Attendees had a choice of four entrées; beef tips, baked haddock, meat lasagna or vegetarian napoleon.

The guest list included DG Tommy Walz, PID Tom Broughton, Lion Robert Keith, Global Membership Team Coordinator and Lion Phylis Porio, ZC - 2C. Remarks were provided by DG Tommy, GMTC Robert Keith & PID Tom Broughton.

A variety of topics were presented by ZC's Ed Langlois & ZC Stan Patch, Jr., PDG. Topics discussed were: the general welfare of clubs, Director's & Officer Liability Insurance and the Lions & the Law. Also, the specific goals of the DG & Zone chairs were outlined. They included the following: INCREASE NET MEMBERSHIP BY A MINIMUM OF (2) PER CLUB, INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CLUBS BY (2), COMPLETE ALL CLUB REPORTS(on line or by mail and in a timely manner) and to COMMUNICATE!!!!

The (3) highlights of the evening: ZC Ed Langlois leading the attendees in song, a special reading of the International Presidential theme by Lion Janet Piper entitled "FOLLOW YOUR DREAM" and when the clubs in attendance provided updates on club activities, projects & fundraisers.

The meeting concluded at approx. 8:20 pm. The next Zone meeting, a joint meeting of 2B & 2C, is scheduled for January 9, 2014 in Manchester (location to be determined) and hopefully Zone 2A will join us.

Respectfully submitted

PDG Stan



Essex Junction Lions present a \$300 check for Thanksgiving turkeys for the troops.

Left to Right: CS PDG Betsy MaGee, VFW Post 6689 Ladies Auxiliary President Ellen Polanshek, Lion Fern Henson Treasurer.






The Colchester Lions served lunch to about 20 members of the Chittenden County VABVI Support Group. The lunch was held at the VABVI office on 11-6-13. The project is named the Bill Hinman Memorial Luncheon. Lion Bill started the project in 1995 and the Colchester Lions have continued the tradition since Lion Bill's passing in 2000. It has been successfully chaired by Lion Heather Berg for the last 2 years.

Photo submitted by KL Scott Hinman

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