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## **Tommy Walz Writes:**

I'm well into my official club visits and can tell you what a great impression you are making on me. Club after club has demonstrated to me that they take being a Lion seriously. You are all engaged in ongoing service projects and you all are making an effort to meet the sight and hearing needs in your area.

Let's not be our communities' best kept secret. File those monthly reports on your activities, and try to get the word out to your local newspaper, radio and other media. Also feel free to submit text and photos to both our communiqué editor and webmaster.

Upcoming Visits (so far):

Nov. 6 Organizational meeting in Brattleboro

Nov. 18 Whitingham-Halifax

Nov. 19 Brandon-Forestdale

Nov. 20 Derby

Dec. 2 Strafford & Area

I would like to schedule a couple more club visits during the November/December time slot and will also try to attend any zone meetings scheduled during that time period.

Thanks to the many Lions who made the Oct. 19 Fall Convention in Montpelier a success. Guest speaker Dan Norris of the VABVI led us through a fascinating exercise allowing us to experience firsthand different kinds of visual impairment and the proper way to guide a blind person. It gave us a far better understanding of what those we serve deal with every day.

As we go into the holiday season, let's remember the less fortunate whose lives can be made a bit brighter by our actions. If your club does not already have a service project for the holidays, I ask you all to consider doing what you can do to bring some light, warmth and goodwill to your communities.

DG Tommy Walz

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The Heartland Lions Club has had a busy fall. They closed Paine's Beach for the season, had the Big Six Wheel at Tunbridge Fair and then sold food at the Sheep & Wool Festival. They are looking ahead to working on the community thanksgiving dinner in November and in February 2014 they will hold their annual "Love at first sight" dinner & dance with many door prizes, including a grand prize of \$1,500 travel voucher from Wheelock Travel --- for tickets please contact any member. Cost for dinner/dancing \$100 per couple. This event is held at Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon, NH. ~

Heartland Lions Club members are getting ready to sell food at the Sheep & Wool Festival at Tunbridge Fairgrounds in September. Lions pictured are Lion William Ballou, Lion Pamela Greene, Lion Richard Ellis.

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DG Tommy presenting the names of deceased Vermont Lions from the past months.



1st VDG Ken Emery, 2nd VDG Pam Nichols and PID Tom Broughton (who along with his partner in service Charlene) attended the 2013 NELC 12 Necrology Service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge N.H.

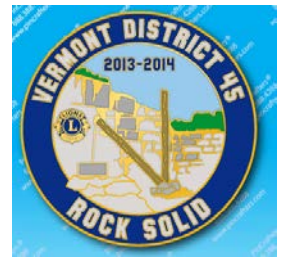
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**UPDATE** – Please note Lion Belva Guica, **Pittsford Lions Club President's** new email is: [bikingforj@yahoo.com](mailto:bikingforj@yahoo.com)

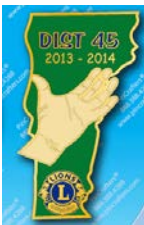


## Pin Prices

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.



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.



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.



## **MESSAGE TO SECRETARIES**

Club secretaries have the most difficult jobs. They are responsible for not only recording club minutes; they are also responsible for tracking and recording club activities, club membership and communicating with the district and Lions International.

Let me give you two practical examples of how failing to make the monthly reports affects your club and other Lions.

Every October the New England Lions Council holds a Necrology Service. Each New England district governor reads off the names of the Lions in his/her district that has died over the last year.

When I went to the LCI web site to get the list of departed D-45 Lions, no names came up, as if no one had died over the past year. We D-45 Lions at the meeting knew that was not true, and from our own memories came up with three names. If deceased Lions are not reported on the monthly MMR, LCI does not know about them. It bothers me that I could not name and honor those fellow Lions.

So please, when a member of your club dies, inform CS Betsy MaGee and me as soon as possible so the word gets out to other Lions AND make sure you report that death on your next monthly membership report.

That same NELC weekend, I learned of the importance of reporting activities. LCI totals up the volunteer and service hours from all the clubs and uses that information to leverage funds from major players such as the Gates Foundation. That particular fund has partnered with Lions precisely because we could demonstrate a very high level of community service. By not reporting your activities, you deprive Lions of potential funds and those in need of our service.

The easiest way to do the monthly reports is on the LCI web site, but you may also choose to do them by hand. From the web site, you automatically make the connection to LCI and you can email your reports to the DG, CS, VDGs, and zone chair. If you need help navigating the web site, PDGs Bill Moulton and Betsy MaGee are ready to give you a hand.

Some secretaries still have the mistaken impression that the district gets copies of their reports from LCI. That is not true. We receive monthly summaries and that is it. We if you filed a activity report or not, but LCI does not report on its contents. Similarly, LCI tells us if you filed a membership report or not and gives the numbers you reported, but they do not tell us who you added or dropped or why.

We Lions depend on our secretaries to keep our lines of communication open and to report monthly. Let's see if we can get that up to 100%.

District Governor Tommy Walz

## 2013 Vermont Lions Charities Annual Business Meeting

At the 21<sup>st</sup> annual VT Lions Charities Meeting President and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ken Emory spoke to the growing need of Vermont resident's without area clubs. The decline of clubs in our state and the need left behind is being provided in conjunction with the Sight and Hearing Committee of Vermont Lions D45 and local clubs that reach out.

A couple of examples are:

- Assisted Pittsford Lions Club in purchasing hearing aids for a local resident
- Helped Jericho-Underhill Lions Club with the needs of a local resident
- Helped the Springfield Lions Club with special type of glasses for a local resident.
- Provided funding for the Art at Hand project at Shelburne Museum
- Funding for VABVI for large print calendars
- funding for the annual Nellie Hart award
- Initiated the Rick Dutil "We Serve" award to a deserving high school graduate Leo. The award went to James Woodard of the Manchester Leos who is now a member of the Manchester Lions Club and at the college he attends.

The past year saw two successful fund raisers which included a walkathon in May and the Big Dine Out Raffle. Estimated funds raised from raffle is \$2,200. Below are the Grand Prize Winners:

Region 1: Lion Ed O'Neill, Jericho-Underhill Lions Club

Region 2: Lion Harold Meehan, Norshaft Lions Club

Region 3: Lion Jay Van Armen, Norwich Lions Club

Region 4; Lori Desautels, Troy, Vermont



On Sept 29, Lions cooked, served and walked. Lions and staff of VABVI (Vt. Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired) vision walk. Back - left to right - Lion Frank Gibney (Colchester), Steve Pouliot, (VABVI), Lion Dave LaRose, (Essex Jct), Lions Pat and Ron Schroeder (Castleton Lions), VDG Ken Emory - (Colchester) (grill master), front left to right - Lion Carmelita Belisle - (Colchester), CS/PDG Betsy MaGee (Essex Jct), Ayeshah Raftery (VABVI), Lion Linda Eastman (Colchester).

# Traveling Lion

## DISTRICT TRAVELING LION CONTEST/POINT LEADERS as of Thursday, October 24th.

### DISTRICT LION (currently at Vergennes)

VERGENNES.....	690
COLCHESTER.....	404
STRAFFORD AREA.....	180
HEARTLAND.....	92
WHITE RIVER JCT.....	35



### REGION 1 LION (currently at Jericho-Underhill)

ESSEX JCT.....	445
COLCHESTER.....	48
JERICHO-UNDERHILL.....	36
WILLISTON.....	6

### REGION 2 LION (currently at Manchester)

NORSHAFT.....	368
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### REGION 3 LION

### REGION 4 LION

### District Traveling Lions

The Vergennes Lions Club captured the District Traveling Lion at the Norwich/White River Lions meeting and gaining 690 points.

The Lion will be available for capture on Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes. Off US Route 7, take New Haven Road to King Street, and the Parish Hall is on the left. Meals cost \$13. We must have a count by traveling clubs no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, by emailing PDG Larry Simino at [lcsimino@gmavt.net](mailto:lcsimino@gmavt.net), or calling 802-759-2448.

The Region 1 Traveling Lion is currently at the Jericho-Underhill Lions with a capture date of Monday, November 25. Meeting location is the Underhill Town Hall, 12 Pleasant Valley Road, Underhill Center. Time of meeting is 7:00 PM. To those traveling, numbers need to be called in by Friday, November 22nd. Contact person: Lion Cindy Berg @ 899-4701, email: [cindyb13@comcast.net](mailto:cindyb13@comcast.net).

The Region 3 Lion is currently at Readsboro and the Region 4 Lion is currently at St. Johnsbury. It is hopeful that these Lions will be having a capture date soon and THUS, begin roaming about their Regions in the very near future. This is a fun contest as it allows you to travel to meet with other fellow Lions in clubs throughout your Region & yes, the District.

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

## Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

November 2013	
6	<b>Organizational meeting in Brattleboro</b>
6	<b>District Traveling Lion available for capture Vergennes Area Lions Club</b>
18	<b>District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club</b>
19	<b>District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Brandon-Forestdale Lions Club</b>
20	<b>District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Deby Lions club</b>
25	<b>Region 1 Traveling Lion available for capture Jericho-Underhill Lions Club</b>
30	<b>St. Johnsbury Area Lions Annual Country Craft Fair</b> at the Fieldhouse of the St. Johnsbury Academy from 10am to 3pm. Check the St. Johnsbury Area club website for more information and registration forms. Additional information is available from King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams. Lunch will be available and a cookie walk will be held. Contact King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams at <a href="mailto:patrickmcwilliams09@gmail.com">patrickmcwilliams09@gmail.com</a>
December 2013	
2	<b>District Governor Tommy Walz to visit Strafford &amp; Area Lions Club</b>
21/22	<b>Manchester Lions Club Elf Express Holiday Train</b> – Departs r.k. Miles Depot Station in Manchester Center, VT on Saturday, Dec 21 and Sunday, Dec 22 for a one hour journey that includes entertainment by Elves of the Theater and Dance program of Burr and Burton Academy. Refreshments will be served with lots of holiday cheer. Train departs at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Get your tickets early – they're selling fast! <a href="http://www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com">www.ManchesterLionsElfTrain.com</a>
January 2014	
9	<b>Zone 2C and 2B Combined Meeting</b> – Location still to be determined.

## BARRE LIONS: ROCK SOLID

Sung to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy"  
 We are proud Barre Lions  
 Seventy-five years strong.  
 Chartered in '38 by businessmen,  
 Hardworking women now belong.  
 We follow the vision of Helen Keller  
 We are her knights of the blind.  
 Providing glasses, hearing aids, to those who can't  
 afford them,  
 Our reaching out eases their minds.

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 As we look into the future  
 Staying "rock solid" is our goal.  
 We have a presence in Central Vermont  
 Serving others makes us whole.  
 Haunted museums, Christmas Tree Sales, and 100 ball  
 raffles are our core.  
 2013's not the end  
 We'll grow and keep on working.  
 Barre Lions let's hear you roar.

Written 10/4/2013 for the  
 75th Anniversary of  
 The Barre Lions Club  
 by  
 Lion Judy A. Cookson

## **Don't forget these upcoming Lions**

### **Events**

#### **St. Johnsbury Area Lions Annual Country Craft Fair**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Fieldhouse of the St. Johnsbury Academy from 10am to 3pm. Check the St. Johnsbury Area club website for more information and registration forms. Additional information is available from King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams. Lunch will be available and a cookie walk will be held. Contact :King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams at [patrickmcwilliams09@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmcwilliams09@gmail.com)

[Craft Fair Web Page](#)



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>

for updates and more information. Make sure you “LIKE” us and “SHARE” our page!

You can also call the Chamber at 800-362-4144 or email us at [LionsElfExpress@gmail.com](mailto:LionsElfExpress@gmail.com).

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



Lion Loren and Tim Teer working at the Jericho-Underhill Lions deep fried onion rings fund raiser at the Harvest Festival.

Special Thanks to CS Betsy MaGee for sending pictures from the Cabinet Convention and many other District 45 events



## Barre Lions 75th Anniversary: "Rock Solid"

The Canadian Club was rocking on Friday, October 4th for the 75th anniversary of The Barre Lions Club. Over 120 Lions, partners in service, members from other service clubs, visiting Lions, former King Lions or survivors, business members, and others all gathered to celebrate this momentous occasion. The evening opened with music by Lion Richard "Carp" Carpenter and his musical partner Irene Robertson. The beautiful new nametags designed by Bob Sager, Linda Mercy, and Judy Cookson were distributed. As appetizers were enjoyed, the guests watched the power point presentation by Mark Taro featuring highlights from great club events. Each attendee received a pin to commemorate the anniversary that was designed by Lion Harry Hinrichsen. It features the granite artisan standing in the original Dente Park. There were several tables of memorabilia from the past 75 years.

The traditional Lions four point opening was led by King Lion Elliott Morse. Lion "Carp" Carpenter led us in his oration about the significance of the American Flag and Father Leo gave the blessing. After a delicious dinner interspersed with door prizes donated by local merchants, John Ormsby, a 55 year member of the club, cut the three piece cake that was made by Lion Stacy Cadorette.

Lion Paul Plante began the formal program by introducing the head table and special guests. Local author and historian, Tom Davis, was the keynote speaker and told us some of the history of Barre in the late 30's and 40's when the club was first chartered.

Past District Governor, Clem Cardinal, explained that local clubs nominate Melvin Jones Fellows to help support the work of the Lions Club International Foundation. Melvin Jones Fellows are Lions who have contributed to their community and lionism in extraordinary ways. They are chosen by previous Melvin Jones recipients. The Barre Lions Club is proud to welcome Bob Sager and Rick Theken to this esteemed group. Although Bob and Rick have contributed in very different ways, they epitomize the Lion Motto "We Serve". After this presentation, Barre Lions Paul Plante and Elliott Morse gave a short history of the Barre Lions Club and how times have changed. District Governor, Tommy Walz, was not able to attend the event and Vice District Governor Ken Emery relayed his message on Lionism today and tomorrow.

The Barre Lions Club has given generously to the community for the past 75 years. With sight and hearing their main focus they have provided an annual subsidy of ten to fifteen thousand dollars for the purchase of glasses and hearing devices for community members in need. They have also contributed over eight thousand dollars to Central Vermont Medical Center for the laser surgery facility and equipment to test the hearing of newborns. In addition, The Barre Lions Club contributes over twenty thousand dollars annually to many local non-profits.

The evening ended with the singing of the song BARRE LIONS "ROCK SOLID", written by Lion Judy Cookson, by members of the club. The final stanza is as follows:

2013's not the end  
We'll grow and keep on working.  
Barre Lions let's hear you ROAR!



John Ormsby, a member of The Barre Lions Club for 55 years, cuts the cake at the 75th Anniversary celebration.

# Norshaft Lions News



## October 1<sup>st</sup> Visitation at Norshaft Lions

DG Tommy Walz, His charming wife Leslie (R)  
2<sup>nd</sup> VD Governor Pam Nichols (L)  
King Lion Terri Barber (2<sup>rd</sup> L)

45 Lions were in attendance for the visitation; we were inspired by DG Tommy's speech on membership and the many statistics that he shared with us. We enjoyed an entertaining and enthusiastic round of "Roll out the Barrel" in honor of our upcoming Oktoberfest.



## Oktoberfest, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ Historic Colgate Park, Bennington VT.

Almost 4,000 visitors from all over the state and out of state were in attendance at this enormous fund raiser. Boasting 50+ Volunteers for Lionism!

Bratwurst and Sauerkraut, Snitzel, Pierogies, Potato Pancakes, Beef Barley Soup, Cheese Burgers and Hot dogs were the foods of the day, prepared by Norshaft Lions Chefs. 30 Venders filled the open fields; Wagon rides for young and old alike; dancing to the live music of the Rymanowski Brothers, while enjoying a Fall German beer (Kevin's Pub) in the Beer Garden, all with fantastic views! We especially thank Chairperson Lion Laura Meehan, her many committees and all who participated, volunteered and supported this amazing event. It was a fun filled day for a fantastic cause; this is what team work is all about!

## Car Show

On September 13-15 the annual Bennington Car Show was held in Willow Park by the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and as it has for many years the Norshaft Lions was there to sponsor the food booth. Once again, Norshaft showed its proven talent by pulling together as a team, with 32 members volunteering for this 3 day event. From early morning breakfast to lunch served till evening dusk you would see a Lion cooking hamburgers, hot dogs sausage peppers and onions and more for this remarkable fund raising event. Thank you to Chairman and head chef Lion Mark Wilson and his crew!





NELC Melvin Jones Banquet of which DG Tommy and PID Tom are holding a check presented to PIP J. Frank Moore of behalf of LCIF in the amount of \$104,600 represented pledges from Lions of the six New England states, of which Vermont Lions has pledged \$25,000.

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