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Tommy Walz Writes:

It's already a month in the past now, but I have to take this opportunity to thank so many people for making the Spring Convention work. A convention has many moving parts, and it takes real teamwork to put it all together. PDGs Clem Cardinal and Mel Coburn took on the huge responsibility of selecting the site and working out the details with the Lake Morey management. And when it came to details, CS Betsy MaGee and CT Bob Brault came to my rescue more than once by paying attention to those details and steering me in the right direction when I needed a course correction. My dear wife Leslie fretted over the spousal program and the gift bags and did a stellar job with both.

PDG Steve Simpson chaired the elections, and we should all congratulate DGE Ken Emery and 1st VDGE Pam Nichols for their advancement in the ranks. Join me in pledging your full support in moving the district forward under their leadership.

PDG Stan Patch organized the golf competition. The golfers managed to avoid rain and had a good time on the course. PID Tom Broughton made sure we took good care of our special guests ID John Pettis and his wife Lion Liz.

My fellow Barre Lions helped with four-point openings, the Derby hat contest, the Derby race betting and the pontoon boat rides. Barre Lions Mark Tatro and Judy Cookson deserve special thanks for their extra efforts and unique contributions.

The Norwich Lions worked our registration table, and we thank them for providing two shifts of help.

And a huge heap of thanks once again to Lions Loreen Teer and Cindy Berg who continue to show imagination and ingenuity in their fundraising efforts. I have not seen the final numbers, but I believe they did very well.

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The end of this year is approaching, but we are not done. It is never too late to introduce new people to Lionism and to bring more into the fold. Fundraising is important any time of the year, and we should NEVER take a break from doing good works. We have come into the spring season on an upswing – let's keep it going and try to do even better than before.

There is good news on membership. At the end of April we had a total of 1,201 in the district. This is our highest total since May, 2013, when we had 1,209. We still need to get to 1,250 to keep our status as a single district, so that is much more work to be done. Keep it up and we will get there. A word of caution: last June we lost 27 Lions in one fell swoop and another dip like that one would put a serious dent in our efforts to rebuild and revitalize the district.

The other great news is that we celebrated the Brattleboro Area Lions Club chartering on May 19. It was a fun evening and a real pleasure to welcome 23 new Brattleboro Lions. Thanks to PDG Stan Patch and KL Brent Crowder of the Chesterfield NH Lions for making it happen. We wish our newest club the best and hope they will be around to serve the Brattleboro area for a long time to come. They have already shown the energy and enthusiasm necessary for a successful club.

My travels for June (so far):

June 30 Off to Toronto for the International Convention with Leslie and our grandson Erik. I hope to see other D-45 Lions there.

District Governor Tommy Walz

LION OF THE YEAR – PDG Stan Patch!!



Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

June 2014	
1	NorShaft Lions Eighth Annual Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, June 1 st 8am-11:30am at the Shaftsbury Elementary School
21	Deadline to Register for D45 Organizational Meeting
July 2014	
4 – 8	97 th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention – Toronto Canada
12	Springfield Lions Club – Fishing Derby Saturday, July 12, 6am – 3pm at Hoyt’s Landing on Connecticut River
13	Organizational Meeting for District 45
17	Lions Twin State Soccer – All Stars Games at Castleton State College
19	Lions Twin State 40 th Annual Lions Soccer Cup Matches – Castleton State College

Invitation to all Vermont Lions of District 45

You are cordially welcome to the:

2014 Organizational Meeting

Sunday, July 13, 2014

Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp

Austine Campus

Brattleboro, Vermont

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. : Registration / Welcome: Tours of A G M L C

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Roundtable discussions: Presidents
Secretaries

Treasurers
Membership Chairs
Zone Chairs
General Lions

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.: BBQ Lunch - Barre Lions Club

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Installation 2014 - 2015 District Officers

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Plans for 2014 - 2105

Registration deadline: June 21st

Meal Costs: \$8

Please contact DGE Ken Emery at: kpemery1960@gmail.com
Or (802) 578-7483.

Pancakes Improve Sight and Hearing

When you come and enjoy the pancakes, bacon, sausage and Vermont maple syrup the NorShaft Lions will be serving up on Sunday, June 1st, you will not only have a great breakfast but you will be helping the Lions support their Sight and Hearing programs.

Lions have restored sight to 7.5 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 30 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions. Lions also take an active role in promoting hearing loss prevention and assisting those who are deaf or hard of hearing.. Proceeds from the NorShaft Lions Pancake Breakfast will go towards helping the sight and/or hearing impaired right here in our local community.

The NorShaft Lions Club Eighth Annual Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, June 1st from 8 am – 11:30 am. The breakfast includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, Vermont Maple Syrup, juice and coffee, tea or milk. The suggested donation is \$6 per person. Children under 8 are free.

The Breakfast is being held at the Shaftsbury Elementary School (Buck Hill Road, South Shaftsbury, VT).

Phylis Porio
NorShaft Lions
Director, Vermont Lions Charities
Zone 2C Chair,
District 45 Lions

Vergennes Area Lions Club Celebrates Memorial Day!

Honoring our Service Members is very important and Vergennes Area Lions are out in full force on this special day.

The Vergennes Lions Club won Best Float again this year! Soon-to-be Lion Heather Morse handed out candy to the children lining the parade route. Everyone in the Vergennes Club puts effort into showing the Veterans that they will never be forgotten. There were Lion members walking the route with popcorn, flags, and balloons. The annual car raffle brings in thousands of dollars that go back into the community for the many sight and hearing needs, scholarships, ramps for the handicapped, and many other projects!



Vermont Lions Charities 2014 Walkathon

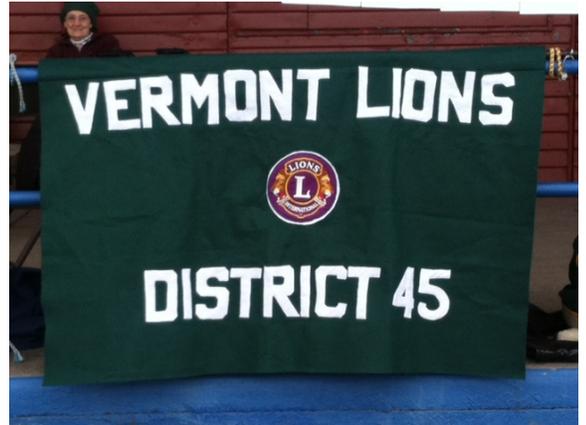
This year's walkathon was held Saturday, May 17th, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The following is a recap of Saturday's event:

12 clubs were represented which included:-

- 39 walkers
- 2 bicyclists
- 1 head chef
- 1 popcorn popper
- 2 scorekeepers

Total laps walked: 689 for a total of 137.8 miles
biked; 41 for a total of 8.2 miles



Many of the walkers remarked the weather was perfect for walking; not too hot but not too cool.

The youngest walker was Laila Hustis (Connie St. George's grand daughter) age 4
The eldest was Bernice Weston (Loreen Teer's mother)

1st VDG Ken Emery
VLC President



LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC



We will be sending each Club twenty tickets for the club to sell or buy and use them or donate the tickets to the local schools. Every Club that buys the twenty tickets will be recognized in the book.

Two calendar raffle tickets will be mailed to each Lion in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont. This raffle has been very successful, and can even be better this year. The cost per raffle ticket is only \$10.00. The calendar raffle will be for the month of July 2014 and that gives each entry 31 chances to win. The drawing for the 31 days of July 2014 will be done on Game Day, July 19, 2014. Winners attending Game Day will be able to pick up their prizes on that day. The winners not attending will receive their prize via mail sent out on the day of their winning. This raffle replaces two Game Day tickets sent out to every Lion. So when you see that envelope in your mailbox, open it up right away, and send your ticket stubs back with \$20.00 and you may be the next winner. The 2014 games will be held at Castleton State College on **Saturday, July 19, 2014.**

Address to the Norwich Lions Club
May 20, 2014

Thank you, PDG Phil. Thank you all here tonight for this opportunity to address you on the 60th anniversary of the Norwich Lions Club.

We celebrate this anniversary because it is a special occasion. In the lives of any one of us, 60 years is a long time. It's also a good stretch for any human institution.

I know there are others besides me here tonight who remember 60 years ago. In May of 1954, I lived in a small town in central Maine, nearing the end of third grade, and was looking forward to summer vacation.

It was both an amazing and ordinary year. World War Two was still a recent event, the Korean "Police Action" had just ended in an armistice, and the US was in the midst of tremendous prosperity and growth. Americans were busy in more than one way; we were well into what would later be called the Baby Boom. Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower were in the White House, and America was feeling very good about itself.

Join me in my time machine and let's go back and look at some details. Our trip will bring back memories for some of you. For those of you who weren't around yet in 1954, come along with us and I hope you enjoy the ride. I also think you will hear something that sounds very familiar and see some cases of "What Goes Around Comes Around."

Let's look at the world first. The Cold War was in full swing. The US and the Soviet Union were in an arms race that made the world a very dangerous place. In 1954, the Soviet Union became a nuclear power and we countered by testing the first hydrogen bomb at Bikini Atoll. We launched the world's first nuclear-powered submarine. In our schools we not only had fire drills, we also had nuclear attack drills.

If you remember Nikita Khrushchev, you probably think of the time he pounded his shoe on the desk at the United Nations. He gave Crimea to Ukraine in 1954. Vladimir Putin took it back 60 years later. What goes around comes around.

West Germany joined NATO in 1954, and our former enemy became a vital ally in keeping Russia out of Western Europe. Berlin was still a divided city and would be for another four decades.

In 1954 we had no idea what an event in Southeast Asia would mean to us in the near future. The French lost a battle in Dienbienphu and decided they had had enough of Vietnam. Ironically, President Eisenhower spoke of the dangers of our getting involved in Vietnam and later that same year, Vice President Nixon announced we might be sending troops there. We all know how that worked out.

Let's leave the larger world now and concentrate on the United States. The first Burger King opened its doors in Miami in 1954. We almost lost a huge piece of American history when the immigration center at Ellis Island closed. Many of us have ancestors who first touched American soil there, and luckily it has been preserved.

There were big advances in technology in 1954. RCA brought out the first color television set. The price tag: \$1,000. Not many of us ran out to buy one. However, we did flock to buy up the other big technological innovation of the year: the transistor radio. We listened to Bill Haley and the Comets sing "Rock Around the Clock." We did not quite know Elvis Presley yet, who was just starting his music career in 1954. He first got our attention two years later in 1956, when "Heartbreak Hotel" was a number-one hit. Back in 1954, the long-running radio show, The Lone Ranger, recorded and broadcast its last new episode. The reason: they were moving to television.

To turn on our TV sets, we had to walk over to the set and turn a knob. Imagine that. To change the channel, we had to get up and go over there again and turn another knob, choosing one of 13 possible channels, all of them in black and white. That was overkill. In 1954 we in central Maine had exactly one channel: WABI in Bangor. If we turned on the TV too early in the day, all we saw was a test pattern, since programming did not start until the early evening. Late night shows weren't around yet either. Jack Paar would not do the first Tonight Show until 1957.

But there was programming worth watching. Who in the 50s did not watch I Love Lucy? Sixty years later, you can still see some of those classic episodes.

Here's a Jeopardy quiz for you. The answer is: Buffalo Bob, Princess Summerfallwinterspring, and Clarabell the Clown. What is the question? [Pause]. Howdy Doody was a rather ugly marionette, but he was a TV star with the first hugely successful children's TV show. He would soon be followed by other kiddie hits: Captain Kangaroo and The Mickey Mouse Club.

The first Godzilla movie premiered in Tokyo in 1954. It's coming around again right now. Other notable movies of the year include On the Waterfront with Marlon Brando, The Glenn Miller Story, starring James Stewart, and one of my personal favorites: Creature from the Black Lagoon. I remember ducking down in my seat in the movie theater to avoid seeing the scary parts. Years later, I'd see that movie again and be amazed how hokey and definitely UN-scary it was. Perspectives change, but I'm still a fan of those 1950s horror movies.

There were enormously important social and political developments in 1954. We saw the first mass vaccination of children – 1,800,000 American schoolkids were given the Salk polio vaccine in a trial. By 1956, it was clear that the trial had been a success, and the push was on to vaccinate every child and remove the annual threat of polio epidemic.

The US Supreme Court ruled in Brown vs. the Board of Education that separate could not be equal. Racial segregation in schools was now illegal, and that gave a huge boost to the civil rights movement.

An act of Congress added the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. I clearly remember our teacher announcing the change, but I struggled for years to remember exactly where in the Pledge those two new words fit in.

McCarthyism was at its height, and the Army-McCarthy hearings were a television event. Later that year, Joe McCarthy was totally discredited and was censured by the US Senate.

And then there was the truly momentous event that changed American dining habits forever – the first TV dinner came on the market. Now you could watch your one black and white channel with a handy little dinner on a tray in front of you.

There are a few sports stories worth noting from 1954. Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes. In Game 1 of the World Series, New York Giants vs. the Cleveland Indians, Willie Mays made what is probably the most famous catch in baseball history. It is now referred to as just The Catch. 1954 is the year that Sports Illustrated first appeared on newsstands. It is also the year Marilyn Monroe married Joe DiMaggio.

Some people we all know were born in 1954: Oprah Winfrey, John Travolta, Patty Hearst (remember her?), Jackie Chan, Jerry Seinfeld, Jim Belushi, and the girl who would become Germany's first woman Chancellor: Angela Merkel.

So before we get back into our time machine and leave 1954, let us return to the reason why we are all here tonight. A group of people came together in Norwich, Vermont on May 19, 1954, and chartered a Lions club. We cannot leave here tonight before we express our gratitude to them and their decision to bring the services of Lions to their community. I'm sure they would all be proud to know that their new child has now reached the mature age of 60 and is still serving their community. Let us honor them tonight and do our best to make sure it continues.

See you in another 60 years!

Thank you.

District Governor Tommy Walz

NorShaft Lions



PP Susie Moore presented NorShaft Lion Kevin Lynch, shown with his wife Lindy, the Citizen of the Year Award, for his outstanding contributions to the community, his dedication and humanitarianism to all. Congratulation Lion Kevin well deserved!

Congratulations to the Brattleboro Area Lions Club!



KL Terri hidden behind the Banner NorShaft Lions presented to Brattleboro on their Charter Night

Upcoming Norshaft Events

May 26th Memorial Day Parade in Shaftsbury VT we march @9:00

June 1st Pancake Breakfast @ the Shaftsbury School 8-11:00

Convention Highlights!!





97th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention
Friday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 8, 2014 • Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form

Deadlines

- **May 1, 2014:** Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Registrations after this date will be processed in Toronto.
- **May 1, 2014:** Deadline to receive a refund for a registration cancellation. • **May 16, 2014:** Deadline to receive a refund for a hotel room cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION *Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.*

First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____
 Postal Code _____ Country _____
 Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Lion: Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____ Lion Lioness

COMPANION: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

Lion: Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____ Lion Lioness Guest

CHILD: First Name _____ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo

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- This is my/our first LCI convention. Not my first convention, I've attended _____
 Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]
 The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation Will you require a headset? No Yes

PACKAGE A: *Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.*

- Before January 10, 2014: Reservation in delegation hotel
 After January 10, 2014: I prefer my delegation hotel
 Prefer hotel based on: room rate of _____ location near convention center
 Arrival date _____ Departure date _____ Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed 1 2
 Special Requirements: Non-smoking Wheelchair Accessible Other _____

** The Hotel deposit is US\$225 for a standard room and US\$350 for a suite. The hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.*

PACKAGE B: NO ROOM REQUIRED *(Registration only for each person listed above.)*

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS *I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)*

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social (Key holders only)	July 6/ 15:00-17:00	US \$25	_____	\$ _____
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 7/ 13:30-15:00	US \$60	_____	\$ _____
District Governor/Past District Governor Banquet	July 7/ 20:00-22:00	US \$100	_____	\$ _____

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.
 • Only Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover cards accepted. • Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES	Adult	Child (17 and under)
Early (before 10 January, 2014)	US\$110	US\$10
Regular (11 January through 31 March, 2014)	US\$150	US\$10
Late (1 April, 2014 ~ onsite)	US\$170	US\$10

Package A:		Package B:
Registrations: US\$ _____		Registrations: US\$ _____
Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	OR	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
Hotel Deposit: US\$ 225.00		
Total Due: US\$ _____		Total Due: US\$ _____

- Check Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form) Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Your name as it appears on the card _____ Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security code (3 digits) _____

Signature _____

Mail form and payment to: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA
 Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (1-630) 571-1689 (If you fax, please do not mail original)
 Questions? Email us: registration@lionsclubs.org • Allow 4 weeks for processing and mail delivery of your confirmation.

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.



97th Lions Clubs International Convention
Toronto, Canada
Official Schedule of Events (subject to change)
Friday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 8, 2014

FRIDAY, JULY 4

10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
19:30 – 22:30	District Governors-elect Celebration Banquet	Sheraton Toronto Centre

SATURDAY, JULY 5

10:00 Step-off	International Parade	Parade Assembly Area (T.B.A.)
11:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
19:00 – 20:15	International Show	Air Canada Centre (ACC)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

10:00 – 13:00	Opening Plenary Session <i>Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, International Parade Results</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
14:00 – 17:00	Seminars	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
15:00 – 17:00	Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)

MONDAY, JULY 7

10:00 – 12:30	Second Plenary Session <i>Memorial Service, Nominations for Second Vice President and International Directors</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
10:00 – 17:00	Exhibit Hall and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
13:00 – 17:00	Seminars	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
13:30 – 15:00	Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
20:00 – 22:00	Past International Presidents / Past International Directors Banquet	Fairmont Royal York
20:00 – 22:00	District Governors / Past District Governors Banquet	Fairmont Royal York

TUESDAY, JULY 8

07:30 – 10:30	Voting and Convention Services Center	Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC)
10:00 – 13:30	Final Plenary Session <i>Installation of 2014-2015 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2014-2015 District Governors</i>	Air Canada Centre (ACC)
19:00 – 21:00	International Officers Reception	Fairmont Royal York

CLASSIFIED SECTION



FOR SALE: Fried Dough Wagon

*2 Fry-o-lators, Refrigerator, Water Heater,
Gray Water Station, will pass inspection*

\$1000.00

Contact: St Johnsbury Area Lions Club

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Help Wanted

D45 Website Needs Some Help!

Do you know how to use Wordpress or have you ever helped maintain a website? If so, we have a job for you! The district website, d45lions.com, is looking for some Lions to help with some light editing duties. These duties will be making changes as needed to pages like the Traveling Lion page, putting news articles up once in a while and helping to guide the direction of the site. You don't have to be an expert, but comfort on the internet and a good connection are a plus. Chuck Burkins, the webmaster, will remain responsible for keeping the software of the site up to date, and will be continuing to update the content, but a little help would be great. Contact Chuck chuck@burkins.net for more information.

Communiqué Assistant Editor

Would you like to work on the monthly Communiqué? Lion Macky could use some help setting it up each month. Organizational skills and knowledge of working in Microsoft Word are helpful. Please contact Lion Macky Gaines at mgaines@middlebury.edu or 1st VDG Ken Emery at 1stvdg@d45lions.com with questions or to sign up. It's a great way to keep in touch with District!

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