

# The Communiqué

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## A Message from District Governor Pam Nichols

Wow! We had a great spring convention, such a great lions weekend! If you were not there we missed you! You definitely missed a great time. Elections were held and DGE Joe Wilson, 1stDGE Walter Hastings, and 2nd DGE Liz Fenick are getting ready to take the reigns. Keep in mind I still have two months to go. Have an event? Call me. One of us should be able to show up and make it happen!!!



MEMBERSHIP. There is still time for each club to be at a plus one. Please ask someone. Many hands make light work !!! So just ask, show how much you love being a lion, they will feel it and join !!!

We have finally sent the charter in for the new Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions Club. The Charter will take place on June 19th. 1 pm for lunch. We will send each club the details. Very exciting news!

So proud and honored to be your DG. So sorry I can't do it again. Thanks for the great ride hahaha no pun intended BRoom anyone ?

Yours in service,

Pam

# DISTRICT 45

## Calendar

### May 2016

14	Walk for Sight, Manchester/South Burlington/Tunbridge
20	Deadline to submit items for the June Communique
20-21	NELC - Nashua, NH

### June 2016

4	Special Olympics Vision Screening - UVM 9:30am-3pm
12	Calcutta - To benefit Relay for Life - Sugar House Bar & Grill, South Burlington
17-18	Relay for Life - Champlain Valley Expo - Team Jeremy
20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique

### July 2016

20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique
21-24	28th Annual Norwich Fair

### August 2016

20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique
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### September 2016

10	Make A Wish Maple Leaf Half Marathon, Kotler 5k and Walk for Wishes - Manchester, VT
20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique

# A Walk for Sight

**Vermont Lions Charities  
2016 Walk-a-thon**



**May 14, 2016 10 am – 2 pm**

**At 3 Locations:**

- **Dana Thompson Memorial Park,  
Manchester, VT**
- **South Burlington's  
University Mall**
- **Tunbridge Fair Grounds**

**Our Goal – 300 miles -- \$15,000**





# Not a Walker?

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**Here's what You and your Club can do:**

- **Come Cheer the Walkers**
- **Sponsor a Walker**
- **Dedicate Seemore to walk** — last page
- **Work the Registration Table**
- **Greet the Public**
- **E-mail all your friends inviting them to the event**
- **Put the event on your club and personal Facebook pages and Websites**
- **Make baked goods to sell at the Walk-a-thon**
- **Wear your Vests**



## Vermont Lions Charities 2016 Walk-a-thon



# A Walk for Sight

**Come join the Vermont Lions and Leos and friends to walk our way to serving the needs of our wonderful State! "FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY"**

- Locations:** Dana Thompson Memorial Park, Manchester VT  
 South Burlington University Mall  
 Tunbridge Fair Grounds
- Date:** Saturday, May 14, 2016
- Time:** Registration opens: 9:30 a.m.;
- Opening:** Walk starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Walking:** Anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Goals:** Group total: walk 500 kilometers (300 miles) and raise \$15,000
- Contests:** Win a Flat Screen TV, an Orvis Rod & Reel or other Great Prizes –one entry for each single sponsor of \$25 and one entry for each \$100 of sponsorship a walker has. Drawing at August Cabinet Meeting.

**In 1925 Helen Keller asked Lions to be her "Knights of the Blind". Help us continue to fulfill this mission.**

**Vermont Lions Charities is a non-profit organization involving over 1,250 Lions from various Lions Clubs around the State. The common aspiration is to serve the 'visually and hearing impaired and the less fortunate' of Vermont by providing funding to aid in purchase of vision and hearing needs and other materials as needed.**

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*NELC WEEKEND  
TRAINING SEMINARS & NELC MEETING*

May 20 & 21, 2016 ~ Crowne Plaza ~ 2 Somerset Parkway ~ Nashua, NH

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Friday, May 20: Deluxe room w Saturday morning Breakfast \$106+ tax

Call the Crowne direct to reserve room ~ 603-886-1200 ~ Reference NELC

(Cut off date for room rate ~ May 8)

Hospitality Room Opens at 5:00 ~ Exec. Comm. meeting at 6:30

Pizza and Calzones (and other goodies) at Hospitality Room

Dinner on your own

Saturday, May 21

8:00 Registration and pay Dues of \$10

All activities on main floor ~ Ballroom C-D

9:00 "Region Chair/Zone Chair" Seminar~PDG Dom & PDG Rosa Branco

9:45 BREAK

10:00 "GLT / GMT" Seminar ~ GMT Michael Haws

10:45 BREAK

11:00 NELC "LCIF/Centennial" Celebration ~ PDG John Youney

11:45 LUNCH

12:30 NELC Meeting

2:30 "Gods be Safe Journey Home"



**NELC REGISTRATION FORM  
TRAINING SEMINARS &  
NELC MEETING**

**May 20 & 21, 2016 ~ Crowne Plaza ~ 2 Somerset**

**Parkway ~ Nashua, NH**

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration ONLY (no lunch) \$10**

**Registration and Lunch \$30**

**Lunch includes:**    **Soup du Jour**  
                          **Grilled Chicken Ceaser Salad ~ Rolls**  
                          **Dessert**  
                          **Coffee - Decaf Coffee - Tea - Iced Tea**  
                          **(Indicate any special dietary needs)**

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK (Payable to NELC) to:**

**PDG Sandra Hurd**  
**166 Turkey Hill Road**  
**Merrimack, NH 03054**

**Deadline:            May 10, 2016**



## Lions Twin State Soccer Association, Inc.

Try-outs are over and the teams of High School Senior Soccer men and women are in the process of being established. It looks like schools all over the two states will be represented. Sponsorship and Ad letters are in the mail. There may be a player in your town that you would like to sponsor. You could invite that player to speak at a club meeting to tell you about the experience of being on the LTSSA team.

LTSSA Directors are as follows:

Year	44N	44H	45	
2016	Brent Crowder Richard Gray PDG Alan Ricard	Jerry Vaccaro Marilyn Vaccaro Ann Mason	PDG Ken Millay David LaRose Bruce Savery	PDG Betsy Magee Donald Lane
2017	Tom Royce, IPP PDG Don Potter PCC Tom Geno, VP	Jeri Maynard <b>Open</b> <b>Open</b>	John Sprague PDG Stanley, Patch, Jr. Odillon LaRoche	Rick Bingham Debbie Ankuda
2018	PDG Henry McKee Ray Dodge Cheryl Powers	Paul Pearsall (44N) <b>Open</b> <b>Open</b>	Robert Brault Pat Ankuda <b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b> <b>Open</b> <b>Open</b>

We would like to fill all the open spaces with dedicated Lions who are interested in serving on the board. All Lions are welcomed, and if you would like to attend a meeting you should make reservations by contacting Director Cheryl Powers at [LionCherylPwrs@aol.com](mailto:LionCherylPwrs@aol.com) or by phone at 603 768-3617 by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Below is the meeting schedule of 2015-2016 Lion year.

### Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, January 27, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, February 25, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 03, 2016: Players Banquet, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 9:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, April 27, 2016: Executive Board, 68 Jack Wells Road, Danbury @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, May 25, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, June 29, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, July 14-16, 2016: LTSSA Soccer Camp, Castleton State College, Vermont  
 Saturday, July 16, 2016: Directors meeting, Castleton State College, Vermont  
 Saturday, July 16, 2016: LTSSA Soccer Game, Castleton State College, Vermont

*"Soccer for Sight and Hearing"*

# Opening Eyes at Special Olympics

Dear Fellow Vermont Lions of District 45,

On behalf of PDG Betsy MaGee of the Essex Junction Lions Club and myself, want to bring your attention to a special program that is getting a 'restart' here in Vermont: Opening Eyes at Special Olympics.

I know this was a special program that was previously led by Lion Rusty Bernal of the Norwich Lions Club (thanks Lion Rusty) that somewhat stopped. Dr. Dorothy Brodmann, former member of the Lamoille Valley Lion Club and Burlington Lions Club has taken the lead on restarting this program and is looking for help from all Vermont Lions.

The following is her message. The date is Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact PDG Betsy at 802-578-8188 or [lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com) or myself at 802-578-7483 or [kpemery1960@gmail.com](mailto:kpemery1960@gmail.com)

In Lionism,

IPDG Ken Emery

*Dear Lions Clubs*

*As you know, the AOA has taken an affirmative role in promoting quality eye care for the people with intellectual disability. Special Olympics International's vision program "Opening Eyes" is a comprehensive vision and eye health program put on by Special Olympics in conjunction with the AOA.*

*The mission of "Special Olympic Opening Eyes" Vision and Eye Health Program is to provide quality eye health care to Special Olympic athletes, assess the integrity of the athlete's visual system as well as visual acuity, to prescribe and dispense appropriate prescription and safety eye wear, to educate the athletes, parents, coaches and doctors about the importance of the visual system for sports, education and vocational performance, and to gather and publish data regarding vision, visual skills and eye health of the Special Olympic population. It is our goal to eventually have a screening at every state games around the country.*

*The screenings consist of visual acuities, color vision, retinoscopy, ophthalmoscopy, color vision, depth perception, cover test, motilities, biomicroscopy, tonometry, and auto refraction. Any athlete failing the screening is then given a complete eye exam on site, and prescriptions for regular and sport goggles are then fabricated and given free to the athletes.*

*The Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes screenings are an invaluable learning and growing experience. Not only will it give lions a unique opportunity to examine hundreds of patients, but it will permanently alter their views and attitudes towards people with intellectual disability. We hope to have as many volunteers as possible. Every volunteer who has participated in the past screenings have felt it to be a rewarding experience.*

*We would like to inform you that the next vision screening will be taking place at UVM June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 9:30am to 3pm. We want to thank you for your cooperation in making the "Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes" Vision program for athletes with intellectual disability a success.*

Sincerely

Dr. Dorothy Brodmann  
Vermont Clinical Director  
"Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes"  
[drbrodmann@gmail.com](mailto:drbrodmann@gmail.com)

# Relay for Life - Team Jeremy

Dear Fellow Lions,

As we shared at the March 31 Zone 1A/1B meeting, we are happy to be back in the Colchester Lions Club. Sadly, as many of you may already know, in the time since we were previously Lions, our family suffered a tremendous tragedy. Our son/brother, Jeremy, died very suddenly and unexpectedly on January 2, 2015. A blood clot stopped his loving, caring heart. It was discovered after he died that there was cancer in his body. He was a very healthy and happy person right up until the very end. Jeremy was the kind of person who always put others first. He truly loved being a Lion. He lived every second of his life to the fullest, and because of this, we have rallied around the phrase "Embrace the 22" since he truly embraced his 22 years of life.

In honor of Jeremy, we have formed a team for the Relay for Life, Team Jeremy. We will be participating in the Chittenden County event on June 17 & 18 at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction. It begins at 6:00pm. We welcome any Lions who would like to come walk with us. The link to register is below.

Team Jeremy is also hosting a Calcutta on June 12, at the Sugarhouse Bar & Grill in South Burlington to raise money for Relay for Life. We have attached the flyer for the Calcutta below with all the information.

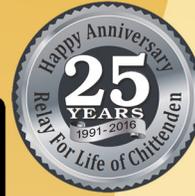
We are determined to make Jeremy proud and raise as much money as possible. We would truly appreciate any contributions of any amount.

Thank you so much,  
The Boquet Family – Gina, John, Jenny, & Brad  
PO Box 556  
Hinesburg, VT 05461

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/TeamJeremy>



# \$3500 Minimum Grand Prize! **CALCITTA**



## June 12, 2016

100% OF NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE  
**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
OF CHITTENDEN COUNTY

**Sugar House  
Bar & Grill**

733 Queen City Park Rd  
South Burlington, VT

Doors Open @ 3 pm  
First Ball Drawn @ 4 pm

**\$100 Per Ball**  
**\$20 Insurance** (Available at time of purchase)

Insurance gives you a second chance after your ball is drawn

**\$3500**  
Minimum Grand Prize  
+ 1/2 Insurance \$\$

**Dinner Included w/Ball**  
**Lots of**  
**Silent Auction Items**  
**& Raffle Prizes!!**

Please Contact Us For Tickets & More Information

[TeamJeremy@hotmail.com](mailto:TeamJeremy@hotmail.com)

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/TeamJeremy>



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# TEAM JEREMY

Our team was formed in memory of Jeremy.  
He died unexpectedly at age 22 on January 2, 2015  
when a blood clot stopped his giving heart. Upon his  
death, cancer was discovered.

# THE NORWICH FAIR

Mark your calendars! **The 28th Annual Norwich Fair**, sponsored by the Norwich Lions Club (NLC), will be held from **Thursday July 21 through Sunday July 24th**.

## **Fair hours of operation:**

Thursday July 21 from 6-10 pm, Friday July 22 from 5-10 pm, Saturday July 23 from 11-10 pm and Sunday July 24th from noon to 5 pm.

**Good Food, Super Rides, Fire Works, and much more--**fun for the entire family, young and old and those in between!

**Non-profit organizations or crafter** can be allocated one of the ten (10) FREE 10 x 10 spaces. Participants are required to complete an application form. No political materials or advertising is permitted.

**Posters and handout materials** on Norwich Fair events, activities, rides and games will be forthcoming as the Norwich Fair dates approach.

**District 45 and Zone 3AB Lions interested in assisting** the NLC with the Fair, e.g., hospitality tent, dunk tank and Pig Roast, etc., or for those interested in securing further information, should contact:

**Lion Joyce Childs, Immediate Past President**

**Norwich Lions Club (NLC)**

**Email: [Childsej@aol.com](mailto:Childsej@aol.com)**

**Telephone: 802-649-1614**



# D-45 Centennial Coordinator's Corner

## Centennial Service Challenge

For nearly 100 years, Lions have changed lives in their communities and around the world. In celebration of our Centennial in 2017, Lions everywhere are being challenged to serve 100 million people. You're invited to join the celebration by helping us reach our goal. Your club can earn special Centennial recognition by hosting a service project that benefits Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this historic event—start planning your next Centennial Service Challenge event today!



## Centennial Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special *Limited Edition* awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs.



## Centennial Community Legacy Projects

Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

## **Want to enjoy great food and have it earn \$\$s for Vermont Lions Charities????**

Schwan's Home Delivery allows Vermont Lions Charities to earn money for every order that references our \$\$\$ for Sight and Sound program:

From April 1 to May 15 (first 45 days) VLC will receive 20% of all sales and 40% of all electronic gift cards (\$25 each) that are purchased.

From May 16th to August 14th, Vermont Lions Charities will receive 5% of all sales.

This year's fundraiser title is "\$\$\$ for Sight and Sound 2016".

Schwan's Home Delivery has over 300 frozen treats for delivery. They have fabulous meats, vegetables, deserts, meals and of course ICE CREAM. They have home bases throughout the state 'to serve' our Vermont Lions BUT this program is not just for Vermonters. Anyone can support \$\$\$ for Sight and Sound regardless where they live.

Go to [www. Schwans.com](http://www.Schwans.com). At the second step in checking out you'll have the option of selecting \$\$\$ for Sight and Sound.

Enjoy! And Thanks for Vermont Lions Charities.

## **Vision Screening Equipment Available**

**The consortium of the Arlington, Bennington and NorShaft clubs have completed screening all available children in our area – 2,902 children at 29 sites!**

**The equipment is now available to move on to another club. If your club is interested in taking on this project, please contact Phylis Porio @ 802-442-0380 or [norshaftlions@aol.com](mailto:norshaftlions@aol.com).**

**We'll be happy to come train your club.**

**It's been a great experience with some wonderful feedback from very appreciative parents. Every club should consider taking on a Vision Screening Project for their area.**

# Vermont Lions Screen over 10,000 !!



## Vermont Lions Vision Screening Reported as of 1/16/2016

Reporting Club/Area	Sites	Screened	Referred
Arlington, Bennington, NorShaft	29	2,902	323
Barre	13	1,499	149
Castleton	9	1,469	177
Colchester/Essex Junction	3 +	400	
Manchester/NorShaft	3	541	41
Springfield	35	3,975	292
Totals:	92 +	10,786	982

# Heartland Lions Club

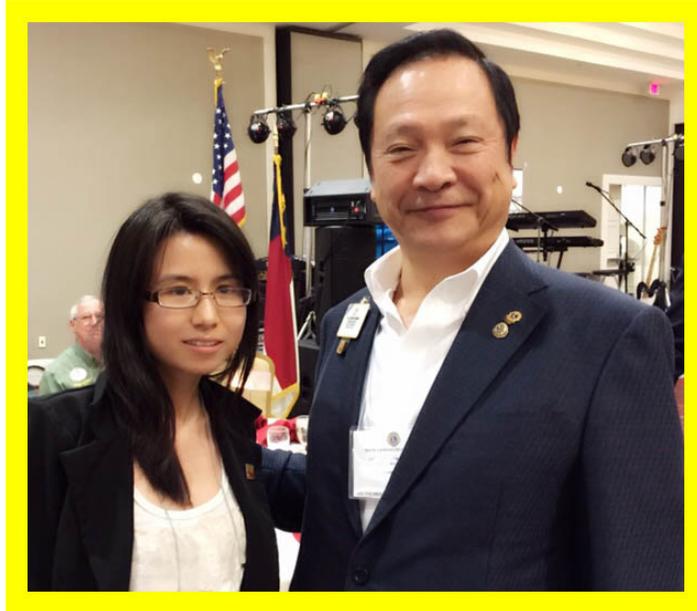


The Heartland Lions Club welcome three (3) new members last month: Lion Greg Parker, Lion Darlene Royce and Lion Bonnie Parker. Of course, Sir Charles had to be in the photo. Sir Charles is staying with the Heartland Club for the summer. We had visitors from the Springfield Club come to adopt him (we don't like to talk about capture in front of him) – and it was determined it was after the Traveling Lion Contest ended and that he would stay with Heartland for the summer. Here is another picture of Sir Charles enjoying his visit relaxing. He'll be around visiting this summer!



# Club News

## Colchester



Lion Mindy Zhang of Colchester attended a District Meeting in North Carolina and had the honor of meeting International President Dr. Yamada.

Mindy said: “Dr. Yamada, the first neurosurgeon in Japan and the current president of Lion’s club is at the district meeting in NC this weekend. He was truly pleasant (and surprisingly young). He talked about how leadership in Lion’s club is like migration of crane, crossing the Himalaya Mountains. They rotate leading position to fly in a “V” shape, the leader crane works the hardest to withstand the harshest conditions, and when it gets tired, another crane takes over. Team work will bring us greatest achievements.

He also shows appreciate toward other lions. He came over to our table to put a pin on me (his translator whispered “she really is tiny” in Japanese)...

If anyone decide to head to the meeting this year in Japan, he is ready to welcome everyone.”

# Club News

## Colchester



On Saturday April 16th and 17th, the Colchester Lions prepared lunches for the Spring Games (basketball) for the Special Olympic Olympians. Just over 275 lunches on Saturday and just over 400 lunches made on Sunday. Plus the 'Lion Boquets' were in charge of the award ceremonies for both days.

## VLC Walk for Sight Preparation at Burlington U Mall



Lions Jackie Dutil, Dave LaRose and Betsy MaGee placing VLC Walk signage.

# Twin State Soccer Banquet



# Spring Convention!



# Spring Convention!



# Editor's Corner

## **A note from the Editor:**

Please follow these simple steps to ensure that your information will be properly included in the Communique.

**1st:** When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put '**For Communique**' in the subject line of the email. Emails to [communique@d45lions.com](mailto:communique@d45lions.com) are received by several Lions and we need to be sure that it is directed properly.

**2nd:** A quick Marketing 101 reminder: Be sure to include the 5 W's. Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? when sending information for inclusion in the Communiqué.

**For example (and a shameless plug!):** (Who)The Manchester Lions Club will be hosting (What) the Maple Leaf Half Marathon, a Top Ten Fall Event, on (When) Saturday September 12, 2015. (Where)The event begins at ends at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, 340 Rec Park Road, Manchester, Vermont. (Why)Monies raised from the event are donated back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations. (How) For more information or to register please visit our website at <http://034f962.netsolhost.com/mapleleaf/>

**3rd:** Start advertising your event months in advance. Don't wait until the September Communiqué to promote a September event. Send the information as early as possible. I'll get it on the calendar and begin promoting it for you.

**Lastly:** Please submit items in one of the following formats: PDF, Word, or JPEG. Requests written into the body of an email require additional formatting in InDesign (the Adobe program being used to create the Communique each month). Please help me get the Communique posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format.

**All information/photos MUST be received by the 20th of each month.**