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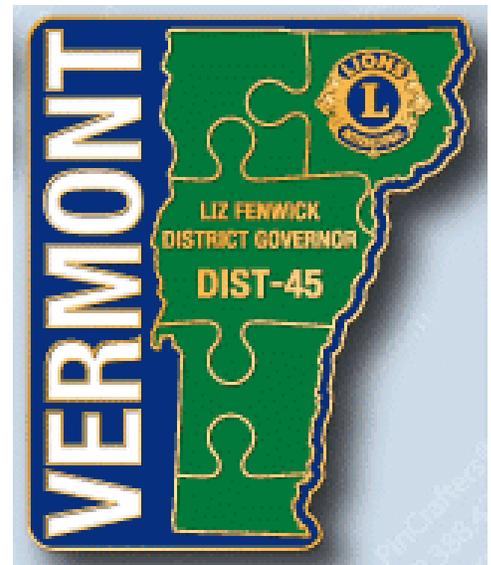
## A Message from District Governor Liz Fenwick

### Welcome Lion Leaders!

I really mean this. All of you who are reading this note, are **LEADERS**, with the motivation and skills to continue to make a difference in your communities through your membership in your local Lions Club.

Over this very short year, I want to be able to use my job as District Governor, to highlight the wonderful work done by you and your Clubs and spread the word around District 45 and to the rest of Lions. You can be a partner with me by passing on the good news of your activities through pictures and small write-ups that we can share with everyone. The Communiqué can be one of these places. We will also be talking about and looking for other ways to get the good news out and around our State. Let me know your ideas, please.

I want to tell you about one idea I have had to recognize your amazing work. Each Club will be getting a poster of the map of Vermont divided up into 5 pieces. Each piece represents one of the 5 areas of focus for Lions: Hunger, Vision, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and the Environment. As each Club completes a new service activity in one of the areas and reports this to your Zone Chair, you will be given a sticker to put on your Map of Service. This completed Club Map, plus pictures of Lions and community members for each activity, will be put on display at the May State Conference in Rutland (2019). Can you just imagine a display of the work of all of the Clubs at the Convention? How wonderful will that be!! This Map is also the District 45 pin for 2018 – 2019.



As well as recognition for all that you are doing, I want to work to build D-45, so that we can be serving Vermont in five years and able to meet the needs of our communities for years to come. To do this we have three important jobs to do: build membership, leadership and charter new clubs. I believe that these three jobs are closely linked to the first: Recognition. If people really know what amazing things Lions are doing – they will want to join us !!

Great News! #1: International President Gudrun Yngvadottir, our **first woman President** from Iceland, will be leading Lions Clubs International this year. Great messages from her as we go along.

Great News! #2: VDG Ken Emery has been elected at President of the New England Lions Council. We are so lucky to have him in D 45. Consider supporting him by attending the NELC meeting at Mt. Snow on October 19 – 20 and meeting Lions from all over New England.

See you on August 18<sup>th</sup>, at Springfield Elks Club for our first Cabinet Meeting. More news on that later :o)

Together We Serve.

DG Liz



Part of the VT delegation in Vegas



DGE Liz takes the oath & becomes DG Liz

## District 45 Calendar and Events

7/15 -7/21	<a href="#"><u>Green Mountain Lions Camp - Youth Session</u></a>
7/18	<a href="#"><u>Middlebury Lions Auction/BBQ on the Green</u></a>
7/19 – 7/22	<a href="#"><u>Norwich Lions 30th Annual Fair</u></a>
7/21	<a href="#"><u>44th Annual Twin State Soccer Cup</u></a>
7/22	<a href="#"><u>District organizational meeting – Readsboro</u></a>
7/28	<a href="#"><u>Barre Lions Downtown Tow-Down</u></a>
8/7-8/11	<a href="#"><u>Midd Lions Food Booth at Addison County Field Days</u></a>
8/18	D45 Cabinet meeting – Springfield Elk’s Club
8/19	<a href="#"><u>Bennington Battle Day Parade</u></a>
8/14 -9/2	<a href="#"><u>Essex Junction Lions Food Booth at Champlain Valley Fair</u></a>
8/26	<a href="#"><u>Orleans Lions Annual Horseshoe Tournament</u></a>
8/26	<a href="#"><u>Colchester Lions Golf Ball Drop</u></a>
9/1 – 9/2	<a href="#"><u>Bennington Garlic &amp; Herb Festival</u></a>
9/8	<a href="#"><u>Troy &amp; Area host - Vermont Lions Charity Bingo</u></a>
9/8	<a href="#"><u>Maple Leaf Half-Marathon</u></a>
9/14 -9/15	<a href="#"><u>Middlebury Lions food booth at the Benefit Tractor Pull</u></a>
9/20 - 9/22	<a href="#"><u>USA/Canada Forum</u></a>
9/24	<a href="#"><u>Capture The District Traveling Lion in Jericho</u></a>
9/29	<a href="#"><u>Hungry Lion Bike Tour</u></a>
10/6	<a href="#"><u>Norshaft Lions - Oktoberfest</u></a>
11/3	D45 Fall Conference & LCIF SuperRaffle – Colchester
1/12/2019	D45 Cabinet meeting – Barre
3/16	D45 Cabinet Meeting – Middlebury
5/2-5/4	D45 Spring Conference 2019 – in Rutland
<p><b>Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the <a href="#"><u>Communique!</u></a></b></p>	



Calling all D-45 Lions serving on the cabinet

## Organizational Meeting

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Time: Noon

Where: Readsboro Lions Park

292 Branch Hill Road

Readsboro VT 05350

Cost: \$8 Make check payable to: Readsboro Lions Club

We will have burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, pasta salad, tossed salad, chips, and beverages including soda, water and ice tea.

**Please RSVP by Friday, July 20 to:**

% CSE Anna Bolognani

PO Box 104

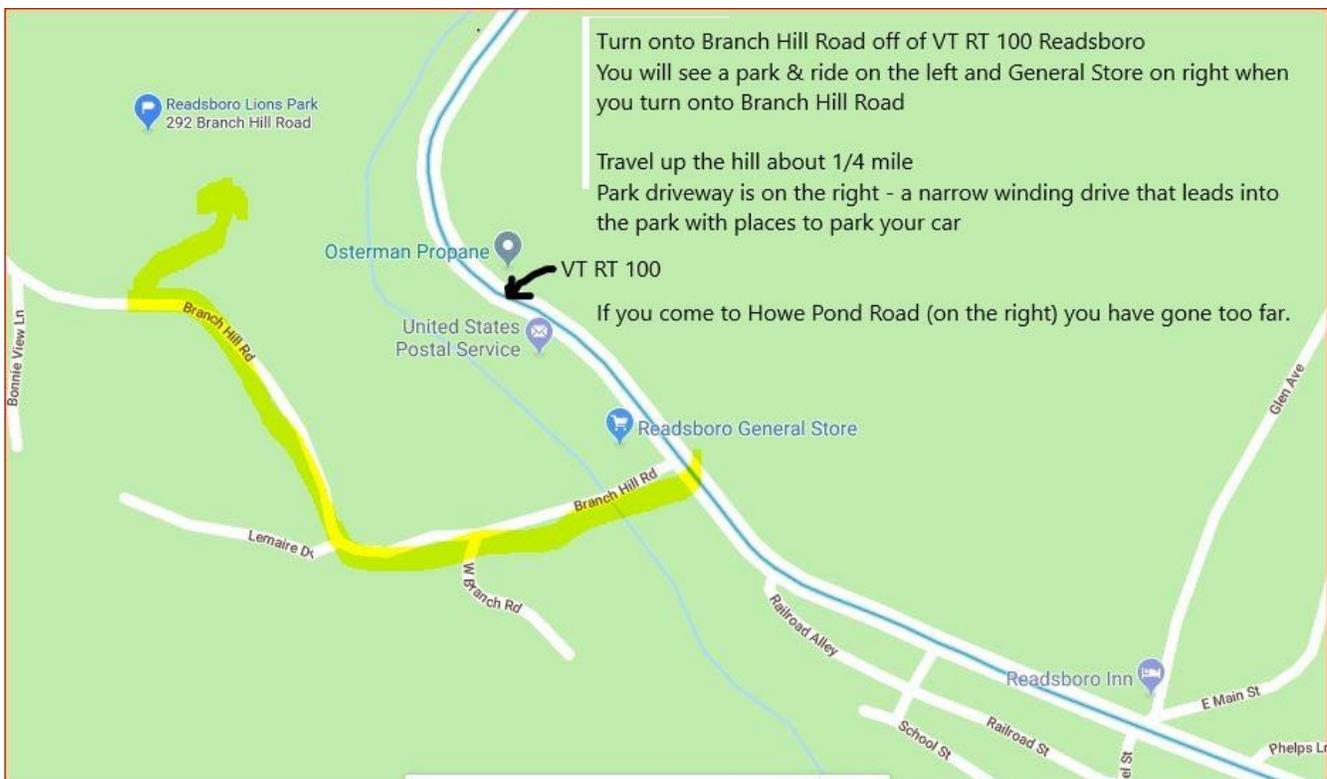
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You can also email your reply with lions park in the subject and pay at the Park if it is more convenient. [rebolibrary@gmail.com](mailto:rebolibrary@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_



## Barre Cooks

Wow, what a busy weekend for the Barre Lions Club! We started off at 6AM Saturday June 30th with a delicious breakfast for community members. Many thanks to Lions Brian Calderara, Bob Brault, Charlie Livendale, Rick Theken, Nate Bucknam for helping out. Sunday July 1st we provided lunch for the incoming campers and their families at The Green Mountain Lions Camp in Cabot. Everything went well and the campers and their families, and the staff and other Lions loved our meal. Thanks to Lion Paul for shopping and to Lions Moe, Charlie, Bob Brault, Bob Sager, Tina and her sister Kat, Rick and Mark for doing the work.



Above: Lion Mark Tatro in green with Lion Rick Theken.



Left: Lions Moe Fortier, Charlie Livendale, & Judy Cookson man the serving

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## SERVICE PROVIDED & HONORED

In 1977 Lion Art Pfenning became the Charter President of the newly formed Brandon/Forestdale Lions Club. He was instrumental in building and leading the young club, and he remained an active member and strong advocate of community service until his recent death this summer. Both Art and his wife Jean were presented Melvin Jones Fellowship awards in 2009. Jean was the first non-Lion to be so honored in the Brandon/Forestdale service area.



Recently the club learned that Jean had taken ill and was in need of a handicap ramp for safe access to her home and sustained quality of life. The club unanimously voted to assist Jean by building the ramp. Lion Gary Gorton spearheaded the project. He and lion Connie St George were then able to build the ramp in one afternoon. "Art and Jean Pfenning have done so much for our community; it was a pleasure to be of service to Jean. I'm pretty sure Art was there overseeing the project" said Lion Connie.

## Stocked with Love

The Castleton Lions annual Kids Fishing Derby was held on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Book Pond in West Haven. Lions stocked the pond with 300 fish for the delight of the fishermen.



A 2(1/4) inch minnow was caught and released as well as a 6 inch turtle! The largest fish caught by a boy was 13 inches long. The largest fish caught by a girl was 12(7/8) inches. She was just a few inches taller than her fish and was only three years old! Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and soda. Many attended the casting clinic held by Lion Stan Patch with the help of Lion Scott Welch. One young lady won a prize for casting in the exact center of the target!

Many thanks the following Lions: Stan Patch, Scott Welch, Harold Book, Norm Williams, Bobby Jones, Bill Gross, Pete Diercksen, Tim Perry, Tom Schroeder.



**JERICO-UNDERHILL** Lions beat the heat with their annual Strawberry Social fundraiser. The basement of the United Church of Underhill was the coolest – and sweetest place in town during the recent heatwave June 30th. Lions Dave Crane, Cindy Berg, Loreen Teer, Dave Williamson, Jerry Adams, Mike Munson, Denis Beloin, Russ Rexford, Marge Alden, and Essex Lion Betsy MaGee prepared 64 quarts of strawberries from Mazza’s Berry Farm and paired them with homemade biscuits topped with real whipped cream. Over 100 folks turned out to beat the heat and share in the sweet fun.



Lion Dave Williamson stirring up trouble



Lion Cindy Berg splitting biscuits



Lions Marge Alden and Betsy MaGee prepare for taste test



**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 2**

## **We need volunteer shift workers!**

The Essex Junction Lions Food Booth at the Champlain Valley Fair will be in full swing from August 24th thru September 2nd - shifts from 9:30 to 2:00, 2:00 to 6:00 and 6:00 to close.

Most appreciated are cooks, prep and counter workers. All helpers receive a free Fair pass and enjoy sampling some good old fashioned Fair food such as burgers, dogs and yes - hand cut fries.

Please email Lion Betsy MaGee at [lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com) with desired volunteer hours and any questions.

## Barre Lions Legacy Project

In 2017 Lions International celebrated their Centennial: 100 years of service across the World. There are 46,000 clubs worldwide and over 1.5 million members. We are the largest service club in the world. Each club was asked to select and develop a Legacy Project in their area to celebrate The Centennial.

Members of The Barre Lions Club explored a number of options. Many of the members attend the summer concerts in Currier Park and have witnessed the performers playing the National Anthem, even though there was no flag in the park. We decided a lighted flag pole in Currier Park would be our project.

We consulted with Jeff Bergeron of Parks and Recreation for approval and guidance while researching flag pole options. Late last fall we were underway. In addition to the pole we wanted a granite marker to commemorate our work. We turned to Buttura and Gherardi for help and they designed a beautiful marker and donated their work. The flagpole we selected from Montpelier Stove and Flag Works has a chrome light and Bob Norway, a Barre Lion, volunteered Norway and Sons to do the wiring. Montpelier Stove and Flag Works donated the American and Vermont State flags that adorn the pole. Now it is spring and time to bring it all together.

Harry Hinrichsen, another Barre Lion, provided guidance on a location. Scott Norway of Norway and Sons volunteered to oversee the project. He contacted Kyle Bellevance of K. Bellevance Land Works and Hauling to do the excavation and related clean-up work, which he did at no cost to the club. Next we needed concrete for the base and flag assembly. Scott contacted EF Wall, founded by deceased Barre Lion Bob Lord Sr., who was happy to donate time and materials. They completed their work in early June. The final step was to set the marker and this task was completed on June 20th with donated time and equipment from Calcagni and Sons, founded by Joseph B. Calcagni, another Barre Lion.

The Flag Pole stands in a place of honor in Currier Park as a symbol of freedom and will be there for many years to come when the National Anthem is performed. This Legacy Project involved teamwork and community. The Barre Lions Club will be forever grateful to all those who made this project possible. There was an official dedication of the Flagpole on Wednesday, July 11th followed by a concert.





## Vermont Lions District 45 Cabinet Meeting Registration

Saturday, August 18, 2018  
Springfield Elks Club, 49 Park Street, Springfield, Vermont

Cost: \$20.00 which includes lunch and meeting

(Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cabinet Meeting: \$20.00 pp x \_\_\_\_\_ (# attending) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations must be made no later than August 11th.**

Please make your check payable to **Vermont District 45** and mail to:

CT Lion Brenda Seitz,  
724 Hinesburg Road,  
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Or Email: [blseitz92@gmail.com](mailto:blseitz92@gmail.com)

Questions? 802-257-0901

**Essex Junction, Williston and Jericho-Underhill Lions** joined forces at the Green Mountain Lions Camp to plant a butterfly garden. Many thanks to Lions Loreen Teer, Betsy MaGee, Cindy Berg and photographer Gia Vadnais. They even managed to pick one of the hottest days of June for their efforts. I'm not going to make any wisecracks about July 1<sup>st</sup> and where some folks may have decided to raise their two permissible plants, but I do want to point out a striking similarity between these two photos below. Thank you for the green thumb efforts.



Not to be outdone Lions Mary Shields, PDG Ken Emery, and Jackie Dutil, also made the trek to Cabot and the Green Mountain Lions Camp where they cleaned and reorganized the large storage closet. It was a mess due to mice feeding on Lion Cindy Berg's homemade Corn Toss bags, along with other munchies they found in what, until recently had been their winter nest. Hopefully come autumn the mice will find access a lot more difficult with the new plastic storage containers. For added insurance we added a supply of Lavender Dryer Sheets to help ward off the rodents.

As luck would have it, a few empty plastic containers were re-routed to the Craft Center! Lion Gia was all smiles. Before leaving for home, Lions Mary and Jackie made an attempt to neaten up things at the pond and added two additional boxes of fun water sports items to the lean-to for the youth to enjoy. Lion Jackie writes "We weren't a 'cool' looking group after six hours in 90 something degree Temps, so we opted out of being in the pictures. (-: But we were feeling pretty 'cool' to have accomplished it for the campers and the District".



# **D 45: Together We Serve**

(snippets from June service activity reports)

## **BENNINGTON**

- End of year dinner meeting. Induction of 1 new member, and officers.
- Attended Awards night at Mt Anthony High School. The club gave a scholarship for a graduating senior.

## **BRANDON FOREST DALE**

- Presented annual scholarship to graduating High School Senior
- Enjoyed our end of year picnic, induction of new members and officers
- Maintained the flower beds in town
- Donated to fight diabetes by supporting the SLAM T1D wiffle ball tournament. Went to watch the games and had a blast! Go Lions Striders!
- Assisted in playground renovation
- Participated in Green Mtn. Lions Camp work day
- New King Lion Fred Pockette Coached grade 3/4 AAU basketball games and winning championship.
- Lion Mary Shields volunteered her time to host a meeting for Operation Christmas Child in Rutland. The world's largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child, uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.
- Attended club officer training in Vergennes
- Assist church in nursery – we watch toddlers and babies so parents may attend church
- Assisted Brandon American Legion with blood drive: provide food and assistance to blood drive
- Designed pin for centennial
- Assisted Brandon Town Hall to water plants also to help host and work events in June

## **BRATTLEBORO AREA**

- Hosted Pancake Breakfast fundraiser.
- Went up to the Green Mountain Lions Camp to help clean to great ready for Camp in July.

## **CASTLETON**

- Kids Fishing Derby 56 kids. 10 Lions. Lots of fun for the kids.
- Plunder Bay Bass Tournament June 9<sup>th</sup>. 36 boats. 18 Lions.

## **ESSEX JUNCTION**

- Individual Lions volunteered their time at: Essex community historical society cleaning museum, grand opening, grant application work, museum docent; Special Olympics “Opening Eyes” program; Guardian ad litem volunteer; Daughters of the American Revolution chapter meetings and newsletter; Rokeby museum tour guide; Daughters of 1812; Congregational church - meetings and financial reports; Chittenden County

Historical Society meetings; Grange meetings; Bread delivery to elderly; Vermont mayflower society meetings.

- GMLC clean up: three Lions inspecting and cleaned sleeping bags, cleared brush and met to discuss future camp needs.
- Senior BBQ served and cleaned up after the BBQ with the Colchester Lions
- Scholarship granted for a deaf camper to attend GMLC
- Attended new officer training sessions in Vergennes
- Assisted with set up and serving customers at the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club strawberry supper.
- GMLC outdoor project with Williston and Jericho-Underhill planted and weeded the butterfly garden at GMLC
- Spot vision screening screened one child at the Essex Junction Rec. Dept. Preschool at the mother's request. Screened three river's cub scouts day camp 41 children and 2 adults were screened.

### **GEORGIA**

- 1,339 Lion Community Service Hours outside of club activities.
- Eye Glass Collection 306 pair of glasses for recycling
- The club made a donation to LCIF
- Pediatric Cancer Can Fund Raiser. Our 2 collection cans placed in high traffic retail spots collected \$32.70 for VLC's pediatric cancer transportation fund.
- The club purchased eyeglasses for 3 residents

### **HEARTLAND**

- This year Heartland Lions Club award two (2) scholarships, \$600 each to deserving graduating seniors.
- We donated food to the local food shelf.
- We had 2 officers attend the District Wide Training Event held for incoming officers in Vergennes.
- Members of the Heartland Lions Club installed new officers for the 2018-2019 year.

### **JERICO-UNDERHILL**

- Lion Cindy attended the United Church of Underhill Trustee Meeting.
- Lion Loreen visited Colchester Lions Club Dinner.
- Lion Loreen worked the registration table and donated blood.
- Lion Loreen prepared a potato salad to help feed the workers at Green Mountain Lions Camp Clean-up.
- Lions Kendal Holden, Loreen Teer, Cindy Berg, Dave Crane and Russell Rexford help clean up and prepare the Green Mountain Lions Camp for upcoming campers.
- Lion Loreen helped the Westford Seniors with their dinner meeting and completed their treasury work.
- Zone Chair visit Lion Loreen visited Williston Lions Club for a final Zone Chair visit

- Lions Dave Crane, Loreen Teer, Cindy Berg, Kendal Holden, and Russ Rexford assisted Leo leader Will Wright in preparing food for the MMU Leos year end picnic/gathering and awards.
- Lions Loreen and Cindy attended the District 45 Officer's Training.
- Lawn mowing for elderly Lion Dennis Waite mowed a senior citizen's lawn.
- Senior Dinner Lion Loreen made potato salad for Jeri-Hill Seniors meal.
- Zone Chair Visit Lion Loreen Attended Colchester Lions Club, final Zone Chair visit, installed officers.
- Shelburne Farms Docent. Lion Dave Crane led several groups around Shelburne farms.
- Senior Dinner Lion Loreen assisted the XYZ Seniors with their dinner and paperwork.
- Zone Chair visitation Lion Loreen and Cindy Berg attended Essex Lions club for Loreen final Zone Chair visit, and installation of officers.
- Cleaning craft supplies Lions Loreen and Cindy cleaned old mason jars to be used at the Green Mountain Lions Camo crafts.
- Garden Lion Loreen worked in the Green Mountain Lions Camp butterfly garden.

## **MIDDLEBURY**

- Our last meeting of year was Awards Night and was held at Rosie's Restaurant. King Lion Dave Morse performed a year in review covering service in the community. He thanked the Club for their service to the community and gave each Lion a "Lions' Candy Bar". PID Tom Broughton presented three Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. The first award went to Edgar "Bub" Crosby who is a member of our community credited for bringing back the Middlebury VFW to financial health among other many good deeds. The second award went to King Lion Dave Morse for his service to the Club and the community. The third award was given to Secretary (x3, going on 4), Lion Karen Schroeder, also for her service to the Club and the Middlebury community. Lion Roger Desabrais led the Officer Induction ceremony. Our new King Lion is Paul Desabrais.
- SLAM T1D June 22nd and 23rd the Lions Striders team competed in the 8th annual SLAM T1D Vermont Summer Classic Wiffleball tournament in Essex, VT. The Lions Striders team was able to raise donations of \$4,385 for the fight against diabetes. Thanks to all those Lions and Lions Clubs who contributed to the cause. We will definitely do this again next year! It was fun and we shocked a lot of folks by placing second in the tournament. The event raised over \$72,000 for T1D.
- Attended new officer training held at the Champlain Valley Christian Reform Church, Vergennes VT. New King Lion Paul Desabrais also got together with the club secretary and treasurer and a few mentors to go over the roles, responsibilities, and communication requirements and expectations for the new year.
- Guest Speaker Sean Fahey from Special Olympics. Sean provided us information about his experiences with Special Olympics.
- The club donated funds for a hearing aid request.

## ORLEANS

- Ongoing support of Green Mountain Lions Camp for sight and hearing impaired kids. Three of our Lions donated 7 hrs each of service to help get this facility ready for this year's participants.

## PITTSFORD

- Attended officers training

## RICHFORD

- volunteered time at the playground Repairing equipment and policing the grounds for trash.
- Supporting the local community calendar sponsored the calendar picture
- donated to the Colchester Lions Club golf drop ball tournament
- Installed an air conditioner for an elderly person
- Collected 50 pairs of glasses for recycling.

## VERGENNES

- Lions did the cooking for the Fishing Derby bar-b-que. The 2018 Junior Fishing Derby was held on June 22nd, & 23rd at the Vergennes Falls Basin, with an awards ceremony on June 24th at the American Legion! Free event for kids ages 3-15. Saturday fishing from 5 a.m-9 p.m., plus educational activities such as Lure Taping, a Let's Go Fishing Seminar, boat rides and fishing on a Cloud Nine Charters fishing boat.
- Installed new officers for 2018/2019; new member installed
- District 45 Lions New Officers Training Great day of training for new and old officers.

## WINDSOR

- Alumni Day Celebration (Fundraising Event) The club set up our food wagon at this event and sold: hot dogs, pulled pork, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and cold drinks.

**No report from your Club? Ask you secretary to file a monthly service activity report, or email your items to [Communique@vermontlions.org](mailto:Communique@vermontlions.org)**

**Editors Note:** The deadline for the Communique will now be the 9<sup>th</sup> of each month. Our goal will be to have the Communique published as soon as possible after the 9<sup>th</sup>. This is being done to try to make the news more timely. So the August Communique will be published August 10<sup>th</sup>. We accept any and all inputs. Just mail your words and photos to [Communique@vermontlions.org](mailto:Communique@vermontlions.org)

