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Notes from the District Governor Debra Savery

November is one of my most favorite months of the year. It is the month we most concentrate on gratitude. December is a good month too, a time of giving, but this month is about remembering to be thankful for who we are as Lions and what we do as Lions. I am most grateful for the opportunity to travel from club to club and sit in on your meetings, chat with you and take away the feelings of comradery, commitment, and service that everyone has shown me. I am grateful for the opportunity to share our Vision 1.5 for new members while letting everyone know that this year we continue to grow and build District 45 into a solid entity that we all can be proud of.

On November 9th we have a chance to do just that. We get to elect a nominee that could go and represent Vermont on the International stage. It has been some time since we have been able to have this opportunity, and we should take advantage of it. Voting for your choice of a nominee for International Director is an important part of being a Lion and is not a chance we get to do very often. I ask that your club be represented at this special event and make sure your votes are cast. We need to get the numbers of those who will be attending as soon as possible so we can be assured we have everything in place for this event. Please send your intensions to attend to CST John Tiholiz (jctiholiz@gmail.com) by November 5 if you have not done so.

For Fall Conference, Global Service Team Coordinators, PDG Carol and FVDG Tanya have put together a wonderful program of service for the morning along with presentations from IPDG Travis for LCIF and PDG Kathy with information about other happenings throughout the district. After a morning of fun and education and our cabinet business in the afternoon, the Super Raffle committee has planned an extraordinary evening of Lion festivities unlike anything experienced before. They have been working extremely hard to produce an event that is fresh and exciting and yes, productive for our LCIF fundraiser. If you have not been to a Super Raffle before, you are in for a treat. If you have attended one in the past, you will experience some new twists and turns this year. It is not just pulling balls out of a bag anymore. There are various raffles and even an auction (think something sweet) that everyone can enjoy, making what we hope will be the best Super Raffle ever. You have until November 5 to let Lion Loreen know (lionloreen2007@gmail.com) you are planning to attend so we have a good count for the wonderful meal (think thanksgiving) we have planned. I hope to see you there.

As for the state of the District, I am confident we will have a plus membership count over the next few months. New clubs are in the works, struggling clubs are being supported and many clubs are beginning to establish new and exciting projects that are bringing in new members daily.

I am most proud of District 45. We are growing and developing in so many ways. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to an organization that is in the forefront of serving our communities and helping our neighbors when they need us most.

Yours in kindness and gratitude,
District Governor Debra Savery

District 45 Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Hosts-Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
November, 2024		
November 8-9, 2024	Fall Conference & LCIF Super Raffle	Delta Marriott Hotel, Burlington, VT
January, 2025		
January 3-4, 2025	NELC Weekend	TBD, Connecticut
January 11, 2025	2nd Forum & Cabinet Meeting	Canadian Club, Barre, VT
March, 2025		
March 15, 2025	3rd Forum & Cabinet Meeting	Evening Star Grange, Dummerston, VT
May, 2025		
May 2-4, 2025	Spring Convention	Delta Marriott Hotel, Burlington VT
May 16-17, 2025	NELC Weekend	TBD, Massachusetts
July, 2025		
July 13-17, 2025	LCI Convention	Orlando, Florida
July 19, 2025	Lions Twin State Soccer Games Celebrating 50 th Season	TBD

International News

TALES OF THE POST-SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

October 2024

Are the leaves changing colors at your home and club? They are here in Maine. A not-so-subtle reminder that our Lion's year is advancing on us!

But we can match that display of colors by expanding our service in each community in which we serve! We can reach new people to help and do it in different ways than we may have to date. And I remember that to serve more we may need more members as we are short-handed on some projects. But that is the goal of Mission 1.5. The growth in membership is simply to give us the manpower to reach the real goal - serving ONE BILLION people! We know we serve more than 500 million based on the reporting that we actually get from our clubs. No one can claim to match our service already, but the needs of our world are for even greater service.

I know that our club has two major projects, one on the first Thursday of June each year when we feed 1100 road crew and public works crew at their gathering here. The second is the only sit-down food booth left at the State Fair right here - a 10-day event. And a 30-person club is definitely going to be shorthanded for these gigs which provide about 70 % of the funds we need to do our year's service projects. We manage by partnering with the local womens' club and sharing proceeds right now, but 10 or more new members would be even better. Does this sound like one of your club's issues?

Let me know what works for you please, and what did not work. I will share these with all of us in this forum in the future.

Another source of ideas is the New England Lions Council, which is all 13 NE districts gather three times a year to share what is happening all over New England. As I type this, Maine is hosting the event this weekend in Biddeford at the University of New England. Column is too late for this event, but more is coming, as well as the NE breakfasts at the USA/Canada Forum and the LCI Con!

But remember - **HAVE FUN** the whole time, even when working hard together.

Karol and I thank all of you again for this honor to serve Lions and the world. We trust that we do our best to represent all Lions world-wide, and can continue this service to you wherever we are needed.

Many thanks again! Lion John W. Youney,
Past International Director 2021-2023,
& Lion Karol Kish Youney, Partner-in-Service

Club News

Essex Junction



PDG Walter came to our September Dinner meeting (our first of the year) and gave a speech on membership growth in our community and how to build up our membership by looking into creating branch clubs as well as new ideas for recruiting youth.

Jericho-Underhill



PCT Loreen selling tickets at the Oodles of Onions booth at the Jericho Underhill Harvest market 9/28-9/29, 2024

Colchester



PDG Ken and other club members recently had numerous Food Drives, Vision Screenings and a diabetic screening. To thank their members who assist with their core mission the club will be giving out pins to each member with an image of the mission they served.

Arlington



The Arlington Lions Club, The Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Vermont Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired hosted a White Cane Awareness Day!

The event was held in the Gymnasium at Fisher Elementary School, Arlington, VT. Students in grades 3, 4, & 5, and teachers participated in experiential activities. Students learned about the history of White Cane Day, how Lions are connected and asked questions regarding how a blind individual goes about maneuvering everyday life.

Royalton and Area (Formerly Heartland Lions)

Royalton and Area, Lions Club

October has been a busy month, and the club is still taking time to collect plastic as they get closer to earning that 14th bench!

Monday, October 7, hosted a Zone Meeting 3A with Norwich, Strafford, Springfield, and Windsor Lions attending. It was also a great meeting as we had a guest from Lucas, Ohio in attendance and to hear about his club.

Saturday, October 19, was our 2nd annual pancake breakfast, with funds being raised for a handicapped swing.

Monday, October 21 we hosted DG Deb and her partner, CST Bruce for a meeting which ended with ice cream sundaes. It was great to hear updates in District 45.

Thursday, October 24, we were invited to take part in the Community Day at Vermont Law & Graduate School where we held a membership drive.

Saturday, October 26, we took part in Trunk/Treat on the green in South Royalton by partnering with the South Royalton Market and gave out free hot dogs and treats.



Lion Stuart at Pancake Breakfast



Lion Pam & PDG Walter taking care of plastic



DG visit

Trunk/Treat in South Royalton



PDG Walter & Lion Pam at VL&GS Membership Table

Champlain Valley



Mark Hanna

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We're so fortunate to have people like David Mullen, CEO of Habitat for Humanity in northern Vermont. He spoke tonight to Lions and guests at our meeting in South Burlington. Champlain Valley Lions is looking forward to helping build a home in Winooski VT. Thanks to Lion Rick Pollock for putting together tonight's program. Super informative and inspiring. ❤️🏠🔨
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Champlain Valley Lions is with Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity and ReStore in South Burlington.

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At tonight's meeting we were honored to have guest speaker, CEO David Mullin, of Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity. He says " He has the best job... See more



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Left to right: Mark Hanna, David Mullen, Rick Pollock.

District News



Fall Conference

Delta Hotels by Marriott Burlington

1117 Williston Road

South Burlington, VT 05403

November 9, 2024

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

CLUB/DISTRICT TITLE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT #: _____

8:30 to 10:00 – Registration, coffee and pastries

9:00 to 10:00 – VLC meeting

9:00 to 10:00 – Service Project – PDG Carol and FVDG Tanya

10:00 to 10:45 - Break

10:45 to 11:15 --- LCIF - IPDG Travis

11:15 to 11:45 – Leo Clubs – PDG Kathy

12:00 to 1:00 – Lunch

1:00 to 3:00 – Cabinet Meeting (to include ID nomination election)

Registration cost: \$38.00 includes lunch

Check payable to: **Vermont District 45 Lions - REGISTRATION due no later than October 25th**

Any questions, please contact DG DEB or CST John Tiholiz

Overnight accommodations are available at **The Delta Marriott Hotel**. Call (802) 658-0250 and ask for the special Lions Club rate of \$119 plus fees using the code “Vermont Lions D45 Super Raffle”.

International Director Candidate Election

Dear District 45 Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Past District Governors and fellow District 45 members,

On Saturday November 9, 2024, the annual District 45 Fall Conference will be held. The members of District 45 have a very important SPECIAL election: electing a representative of District 45 to receive the endorsement of District 45 to be a candidate to be an International Director of the Lions Club International Board of Directors.

There are two candidates to receive such endorsement: Past District Governor Walter Hastings and Past District Governor Kathy Dorman.

The election process will be similar to elections for District 45 leadership. Delegates per club HAVE BEEN determined based on club membership as of September 1. Info on number of delegates per club will be sent out via email but are also included in this notice

All delegates (including Past District Governors) must be in good standing with their clubs. **CLUB**

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Proof of paid membership dues (signed membership card) or letter from club secretary indicating in good standing will be required. This is both for delegates and for Past District Governors.

Please if at all possible, please notify PDG Bob Wilcox, PDG Betsy MaGee or myself, prior to Saturday November 9th, whom the club delegates are going to be.

For more information or if any questions, please contact PDG Ken Emery, PDG Betsy MaGee, PDG Bob Wilcox or DG Deb Savery.

On behalf of the elections committee, respectfully submitted.

PDG Ken Emery

Club	# of members	# of delegates	District 45 Past District Governors
Arlington	27	3	Monte, Wilcox
Barre	50	5	Walz
Brandon Forest Dale	26	3	
Brattleboro	2	1	
Castleton	74	7	Bizon, Patch
Champlain Valley	37	4	
Colchester	27	3	Emery
Deerfield Valley	37	4	
Enosburg Falls	51	5	
Essex Junction	43	4	MaGee
Georgia	11	1	
Granville	32	3	
Heartland	20	2	Greene, Hastings
Jericho-Underhill	22	2	
Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain	14	1	Nichols
Manchester	21	2	Wood
Middlebury	57	6	Broughton
NorShaft	51	5	Smith
Norwich	21	2	Wheeler
Orleans	35	4	
Readsboro	27	3	
Richford	20	2	
Springfield	26	3	Millay, Wilson
Strafford and Area	59	6	Coburn
Swanton Missisquoi Valley	14	1	Juaire, Souza
Troy and Area	34	3	McWilliams
Valley	17	2	
Vergennes	64	6	Dorman, Simino
Williston Area	4	1	
Windsor	12	1	

The Vergennes Lions Club
proudly presents

Lion Kathleen Dorman

Candidate for Nomination
International Director



Dedicated to Service Membership & Leadership

D45 District Governor 2022-2023
Melvin Jones Fellow
International Presidential Medal
New England Lions Council - Executive Board
Vermont Lions Charities - Alternate Director
District Leo Chairperson
District Lions Quest Chairperson
Lions University - Bachelors & Masters

Lion Kathleen Dorman

I love being a Lion! I became a Lion to further my service and meet other likeminded people. Being a Lion is a way of life, it is who I am on the inside.

I would be honored to serve as International Director and contribute to the growth of Lionism worldwide.

District Accomplishments

District Governor Team Excellence Award
Chartered Champlain Valley Lions Club
Two New LEO Clubs since 2022
Shared Vision Award - Vermont Lions Charities
Committees Served - LCIF Super Raffle, Green Mountain Lions Camp, Speak Out Contest
Global Action Team - Guiding Lion - Zone Chair

Club Accomplishments

Vergennes Lion since 2010
Lion of the Year 2019
Club President 2019-2020
Membership Chair 2021-2022
Club Treasurer 2011-2014, 2021-2022

Personal

- Finance Director at Addison Housing Works, non-profit developer and manager of Affordable Housing
- Board Member & Finance Committee- Counseling Service of Addison County
- Church Activities - Parish Council, Finance Committee and Building Committee

Children - Christina, Alaina and Nathaniel
Partner In Service - Lion Jim McClay

PO Box 91, New Haven, Vermont 05472
vtlionkathy@gmail.com
(802) 373-4180

The Heartland Lions Club Presents
LION WALTER HASTINGS
Candidate for Nomination
International Director

PDG Walter is a dedicated Lion of 21 years



He enjoys serving locally as a member of the Heartland Lions Club and District 45.

Dedicated to planning for the future and keeping an eye on the past.

Knowledge of our Lions Organization both

He is committed to Lionism.

PDG Walter has served his district as:

District Governor D45, First Vice District Governor, Global Membership Team, Honorary Chair, Zone Chair Coordinator, Member of New England Lions Council, Melvin Jones Fellow, International Presidential Medal
Attended 5 International Conventions
Attended 5 USA/Canada Leadership Forums

PDG Walter has served his club as:

President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, Membership, LCIF Coordinator, Branch Club Liaison, Zone Chair

Professional & Community Career:

-Land Surveying over 40 years
-Current Use Advisory Board, Governor Appointed
-Current Board member of South Royalton Co-op Market

-Owner of Exit 3 Storage
-White River Partnership Watershed Group
-Community-Based Learning program with SRHS and Lebanon NH High School
-Boy & Girl Scouts
-SRHS Alumni Association
-Recognized as Lister of the Year Award
-Vermont Assessors and Listers Association: served as Legislative Liaison

-Town of Royalton: Many positions including:
Building and Grounds Manager
Lister (tax assessors) for 40 years
Served on Regional Planning Commission
Board of Civil Authority
Royalton Planning Commission for 23 years
Chair for 15 years
Floodplain and Zoning Administrator



Education:

Graduate from Paul Smith College
Continued education at Vermont Technical College

Hobbies and Interest

Raising animals, renovations, cabinet making, vehicles restoration, repairing most anything

"True leadership is like a lion; it's not about being served, it's about serving others." – Anonymous

As Lions, we need to be focused on the future so we can continue to grow and thrive by keeping our foundation healthy and ready to support by serving in new and innovative ways.



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

Official Warning of the Vermont Lions Charities Annual meeting to be held Saturday the 9th of November 2024 at the Delta Marriott Hotel, South Burlington Vermont. This meeting will consist of voting and election for a three year term of a Treasurer and a President.

At our August Meeting our out going Treasurer Lion Woody Stoddard was presented with Lions International Presidential Medal. Well deserved recognition for his outstanding dedication as our Vermont Lions Charities Treasurer for several years. We also approved a \$50,000 donation for Flood Relief through the Vermont Community Foundation.

I also wanted to let members know that officially my Presidential term does not end until 2025, however it is with regrets that I have made the decision to resign as President effective December 31, 2024.

It was not been an easy decision to make, however I feel it is the best for Vermont Lions Charities, as I am finding more and more difficult to fulfill the position as it should be. The past two years have been extremely rewarding and I have enjoyed working with this very succesful and dedicated team.

I am asking for a letter of intent from anyone interested in the President position to please forward a letter of intent to me so that I can share with the board and give those individuals an opportunity to speak at our meeting prior to elections. Nominations also can come from the floor, just as a reminder, to be elected to VLC board you have to meet the same qualifications to be a District Governor.

Yours in Lionism

PDG Merry Souza
VLC President

Peace Poster Contest 2024-2025

Peace Without Limits

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring this art contest in which students create peace posters expressing their visions of peace to inspire the world through art and creativity.

Let's increase participation in this very special art contest in schools and youth groups! Here's how.

#1. Order Your Kit Today!

Kits are available without shipping costs through District 45 - limited quantity! A kit is needed for each contest sponsored. For a kit, please contact Peace Poster Chair Lion Susan Toth – susanpe57@gmail.com

#2. Know Your Peace Poster Contest Rules & Deadlines!

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified. For full rules & deadlines please check the District 45 Directory posted on the Vermont lions website.

#3. Contact Your School Districts Art Teacher!

Hold a Lions Club Art Day at a Local Community Center!

#4. Create Excitement!

#5. Hold an Art Show Displaying the Posters!

#6. Choose A Winner!

#7. Submit Your Club Winner to the District!

District Winner will be chosen at the Fall Conference on November 9, 2024. All entries should be hand delivered to Lion Susan Toth on November 9th.

Looking for ideas or are you running into roadblocks?

Please reach out to Susan Toth

D45 Peace Poster Chair at susanpe57@gmail.com

Let her know that your club will be participating this year.

VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS

Vermont District 45 is pleased to announce our annual



Super Raffle Fundraiser for the Benefit of LCIF

Saturday, November 9th, 2024

The Delta Marriot Hotel, South Burlington, Vermont

5:30pm - SOCIAL 6:30pm - DINNER followed by Raffle

Evening highlights

GRAND PRIZE \$1,500 - SECOND PRIZE \$500

Multiple Grand Prizes, Multiple Door Prizes

***** Grand Prize \$1500, \$1750 if 175 tickets sold, \$2,000 if 200 tickets are sold *****

\$100 for each Super Raffle Ticket


\$35 for each Dinner Meal

Deadline to purchase meals is October 25, 2024

(can be bought by Lions, Lions Clubs, Community members)

Funds raised allow Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to be granted

Overnight accommodations are available at The Delta Marriott Hotel, 1117 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT. Call (802) 658-0250 and ask for the special Lions Club rate of \$119 plus fees using the code "Vermont Lions D45 Super Raffle". Please keep in mind rooms are only guaranteed at that rate until Monday, October 7th.

VERMONT LIONS		VERMONT LIONS	
DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE		DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE	
November 9, 2024			
Ticket Request		proceeds to benefit  Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION	
\$100 per ticket			
\$35 per meal		November 9, 2024	
Total Amount – Checks Payable to District 45 Vermont Lions		The Delta Marriott Hotel, South Burlington, VT Social 5:30 to 6:30 ~ Dinner and Raffle 6:30 pm	
		MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 45	
Ticket Owner Information			
Name: _____		All vouchers will be assigned a ticket number, on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to have a specific ticket number please contact PCT Loreen Teer at (802) 899-1363 or lionloreen2007@gmail.com.	
Address: _____		Please mail completed ticket request to:	
Phone: _____		PCT Loreen Teer	
Name of Attendee (if not ticket owner)		2-B Rabbit Run, Underhill, VT 05489	
Please see "flyer" for deadline information			



January 11, 2025
Cabinet Meeting - Service Project



Hunger: Striving to improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger

Hello Lions,

At the January 11, 2025, cabinet/forum meeting which will be held at the Canadian Club in Barre, we will continue our tradition of packing meals. Many clubs will purchase these meals and donate to local food shelves or school backpack programs.

Through the generous support of Vermont Lions Charities, we will donate 10,000 to the Vermont Food Bank. This year we plan on packing 25,000 meals at the meeting in partnership with the Outreach Program. Clubs may purchase meals to donate to their local food shelves.

The cost per box is \$80 and contains 216 meals per box/36 packages/6 servings per package. This is an 'all hands-on deck' project and we would appreciate your participation. This year's meal being packaged is "Cheesy Rice". Come enjoy the service project and help package the food and take your club boxes home with you. If you would only like to come for the service project and not the entire day, you are welcome! If you wish to stay for the entire day, be sure to register for the event which will include lunch, along with other information/updates about Lions.

Please order your meals through FVDG Lion Tanya Letourneau, 55 Jericho Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452 and make checks payable to *Vermont District 45 Lions* with **MEALS** in the memo line on your check. We plan to have a group picture taken to show our Lion's service so wear your Lion's vest/shirts.

Those clubs purchasing meals must be picked up that day, they cannot be left at the Canadian Club.

Also, thanks to the Barre Lions for their help in making this service project a huge success. We look forward to all your help! Please bring along a friend, potential member.

Please complete, and mail your check to FVDG Lion Tanya Letourneau, 55 Jericho Road, Essex Junction, VT 05452

Club Name: _____

____ **Will attend and take the food cases home with me**

____ **Please donate our boxes to the Vermont Food Bank**

_____ **Cases ordered x \$80 per case**

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ *(please make checks payable to Vermont District 45 Lions)*

Thank you for your support!
PDG Carol & FVDG Tanya, Global Service Team





Global Service Team

PDG Carol Greene

FVDG Tanya Letourneau

The Lions Clubs International's Global Service initiative focuses on uniting Lions and Leos worldwide to address significant challenges through impactful service projects. The Global Service Team (GST) helps clubs identify resources and best practices to enhance their projects and maximize their impact¹.

Lions Clubs International emphasizes three mission pillars in their global service efforts²:

1. **Improve health and well-being:** Helping people lead healthy and fulfilling lives.
2. **Strengthen communities:** Enhancing communities through service, funding, and leadership.
3. **Support those in need:** Turning kindness into solutions for those who need it most.

These efforts are organized around eight, global causes: vision, hunger, environment, childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, humanitarian efforts and youth.

Did you know that Vermont District Lions 45 taking part in Service with your clubs help:

Lions Recycle for Sight

We collect used eyeglasses, please make sure they are in good shape, no bows or lense missing.

Through the collection of used eyeglasses to help those in need, particularly in low and middle-income countries where access to eye care is limited. Does your club have a collection box in various community locations like libraries, school, optical shops and places of worship?

The used eyeglasses are sent to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers where they are sorted, cleaned and prepared for distribution. These are distributed to people in need through optical missions around the world.

Please be sure to label your boxes when bringing them to a Cabinet Meeting/Forum, include your club name and how many glasses are in each box.

Lions collect empty pill bottles

Many clubs engage in collecting empty pill bottles/covers to support medical care in developing countries. This helps ensure medications are safely distributed and also addresses environmental concerns by recycling plastic.

Here is how your club can get involved:

-Set up a collection box in various community locations such as pharmacies, clinics and community centers.

-Be sure the pill bottles are cleaned; labels and residue are removed, and they are sorted by color and type. You must be able to see through the bottles, no solid white bottles accepted.

Bring these to a Cabinet Meeting/Forum, include your Club name and how many pill bottles are in each box/bag. Lion Pam Greene (Heartland) is responsible for preparing bottles to send to organizations like Matthew 25: Ministries, which includes them in shipment of medical supplies to countries in need.

This program not only helps improve health care in underserved areas but also promotes environmental sustainability by recycling materials that would contribute to waste.

These are just a couple examples of Service and how your club can get involved.

Vision Screening Report

November 2024

The first month of school is behind us as is the first month of vision screening. Reports of numbers are slowly beginning to trickle in, but from here on in, things begin to increase. Please remember that I need at least monthly reports to keep track of our progress. These reports need not be lengthy, just an email with the total numbers of students screened, number of referrals, and the number of sessions is needed. Since Covid, sometimes schools need to do separate classes on different days so consider each day you go to a school is a separate session for recordkeeping purposes. If adults are also screened, remember to separate their number from the children's screening and remind them that your vision screening of adults is not a replacement for a professional because detection of some eye disorders in older adults is not possible by your machines.

For those who would like more training other than the UTube sessions, I have included here a website that you can access for actual Zoom-type classes for more personal trainings. When entering this site look for the day of the week, then look just right of it and you will see a "down" arrow that will open all the days and times the trainings are being offered that month. You can pick anyone that meets your schedule. You may attend as many of these courses as you wish, so check them out. Later, I plan to arrange in-person trainings in various locations throughout Vermont. I cannot give dates and times yet, but as soon as I can, I will send out information for them.

In the meantime, here's the link.

<http://www.plusoptix.com/webinar/s12c>

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this transitional period with the new cameras. Anything new takes time and patience. Thank you for yours.

Respectfully Submitted,

PCST Bruce Savery, Vision Screening Coordinator

2024 – 2025 Speech ‘ Speak Out’ Contest

**** Theme: Volunteering: Best way to leave a ‘mark’!!!**



1. Local contests are sponsored by an individual Lions Club OR a group of Lions Clubs, with high school students (including home school) of all classes eligible (grades 9-12) to participate.
2. All contest's arrangements, such as: **dates of contests, prize monies, judging, locations and advertising/promotion** are the responsibility of the individual Lions Club or the group of Lions Clubs.
3. Winners of local contests are eligible to participate in the District 45 Statewide competition.
4. The local contests should be held no later than April 5, 2025, with any delay beyond such date needing District contest chair approval.
5. Local contest winners' names and contact information are to be submitted to the District 45 contest chair by April 8, 2025.
6. IF the contest winner is not able to attend the District statewide competition, the participant finishing in 2nd or any subsequent contest participant, can be an 'alternate' to represent such contest.
7. The length of the speech shall be between 5 and 7 minutes not including any additional time for questions. Participants may use any props or other means in presenting their speech or monitoring their time.
8. Each contestant will be asked up to 3 questions from the contest judges.
9. The judges will use the following criteria in determining a winner: Addressing the theme, Presentation and Delivery

District Statewide Competition

1. To be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the annual Spring Convention for District 45.
2. Time to be determined, with location to be at Delta Marriott, South Burlington, Vermont. Final information to be provided by April 8, 2025.
3. District 45 statewide competition prizes (subject to confirmation of funding) are: 1st place - \$800, 2nd place - \$550, 3rd place - \$400, 4th place - \$300, 5th place - \$250 with 3 additional \$200 prizes.
4. There is a MAXIMUM of 8 participants allowed at the statewide competition.
5. Judges will be, if at all possible, a representative of all 4 Regions of District 45, with 1 guest judge, being a non-District 45 Lion or a non-Lion.
6. The length of the speech shall be between 5 and 7 minutes not including any additional time for questions. Participants may use any props or other means in presenting their speech or monitoring their time.
7. Each contestant will be asked 3 questions, by 3 different judges, on a rotation basis.
8. The judges will use the following criteria in determining a winner: Addressing the theme, Presentation and Delivery



Find your purpose

Today's leaders build tomorrow's world

Leo clubs are home to Lions Clubs International's youngest members, whose insights and actions are invaluable to further the mission of Lions International. Joining a Leo club can bring you a world of opportunity — from developing crucial life skills and making change in your community, to building lifelong connections with like-minded individuals.

See how Leos get things done!



Lions Clubs International

District 45

Youth Programs

Leo Clubs and Lions Quest

LEO stands for

Leadership, Experience, Opportunity.

- Leo Clubs are typically for students aged 13-18 but can be for young adults aged 19-30.
- Leo Clubs are either school or community based.
- Leo Clubs can enhance the sponsoring club's community presence.
- Leo Clubs give Lions the opportunity to mentor young leaders.

Lions Quest

- Lions Quest is a Social and Emotional Learning program for students PreK - Grade 12.
- Lions Quest programs support, encourage, and celebrate diversity.
- Lions Quest is designed to create a learning environment based on the needs of all students where no one is an outsider because everyone is needed, valued and important.
- Lions Quest implementation may be supported with LCIF grants.



Lions Quest and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Lions Quest is a comprehensive and universal, evidence-based social and emotional learning program. SEL is a process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

[More about social and emotional learning](#)



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For more information about Leo Clubs or Lions Quest, please contact
DG Deb Savery or PDG Kathy Dorman



MD-44 3rd Regional Lions Leadership Institute

When: March 21-22, 2025.

Where: Hampton Inn – 126 Key Rd., Keene, NH.

Why: To stimulate and grow Leaders and Leadership Opportunities at the Club, District, Multiple District Levels and beyond.

Attendees: All LIONS in good standing who have not yet reached the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. **Only twenty-five slots available** so apply early! Please forward a completed application, **no later than Jan 31, 2025**, to your District Governor via Club President.

Cost of the Institute:

Multiple District 44 will provide meals according to the schedule of the institute. Double Occupancy Hotel rooms are included in the cost of the Institute. Hotel stay is required. By attendees. Single Room occupancy is available @\$129.00 plus taxes and Same rate will apply for Thursday or Saturday Night if desired.

Please note the cost for participation in this training event is \$125.00.

Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site. This is a 2-day intensive training program. Applicants must be willing to commit to attending both days of the Institute, including mandatory classroom sessions and scheduled group mealtimes.

Note: Acceptance to the Institute is not guaranteed. Limited to twenty-five.

Expectations of RLLI Graduates:

1. Pursue additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective zones and Districts.
2. Help to develop Lions Leaders and serve as a Leadership source in their Clubs, Zones, and Districts.

Regional Lions Leadership Institute Curriculum:

- **List of Training Topics: Lion Fundamentals, Working in Teams, Diversity.**
- **Local issues and Opportunities, Public Speaking, Time Management.**
- **Personal Mission Statement, Member Motivation, Goal Setting.**
- **Join the Mission.**

For further information please contact your District Governor or Event Coordinators Kamal Masand or Randy Tompkins (kmasand01@gmail.com or rye642@comcast.net).



MD 44 Regional Lions Leadership Institute
Hampton Inn, 126 Key Road, Keene, NH
Friday thru Saturday March 21 to 22, 2025

Part 1: Applicant Information

* PLEASE PRINT - Required information for all institute correspondence

District Number: _____ Membership Number: _____

First/Given Name: _____ Last/Family Name: _____

Email*: _____ State _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Month and Year Joined Lions Clubs: ____ Club Number: _____ Name : _____

Current Lions Title: _____ Highest position held in Lions Clubs: _____

I confirm that I am capable of understanding and actively participating through reading, writing, and fluent speaking skills in English

Lions Leadership Institutes Previously Attended (Locations & Dates): _____

Check for \$125.00, Made out to Multiple District of NH 44 .

Part 2: Experience and Skills, Please type or print using additional sheets as needed.

1. Offices held within current Lions Club:

Part 3: Acknowledgements

___ I understand that MD44 is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property.

___ I understand that I am expected to attend all classroom sessions and group meals and activities.

Part 4 Endorsement The applicant's District Governor or Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator must complete this section. In what ways will this applicant benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute? _____

Applicant : _____ Title: _____ Email: _____

DG or GLT: _____ Date: _____

DG= Please Mail the application with checks to Council Chair Kamal Masand or PDG Randy Tompkins.

New England Lions Council

Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England



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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

New England Lions Council Individual Membership

2024 – 2025 NELC DUES: \$10.00

Membership coverage is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Lion's Name: _____

District/MD: _____

District/MD Position(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____

Best Email: _____

Renewal _____ New NELC Member? _____

Please mail *Form* to PDG Kathy Dorman at the above address with a check to NELC



November 2024

Money Matters

by PDG Kathy Dorman



IRS 990 Tax Return Filing Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that your annual IRS Form 990 filing is due by **November 15th**. If your club's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less, you should file the **990-N (e-Postcard)** to maintain your tax-exempt status. For clubs with higher income, ensure you file the appropriate version of the 990 form. Filing on time is essential to avoid penalties and keep your club in good standing with the IRS. Please note that a non-profit organization cannot request an extension to file form 990-N. Don't wait until the last minute!

Please refer to the following chart for filing requirements:

2023-2024 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

**Always consult with your tax advisor.

Vermont Secretary of State Biennial Report

Lions Clubs in Vermont must file a biennial report with the Vermont Secretary of State in order to provide current information on the club, including its officers and contact details. This report is due every two years between January 1 and April 1. Clubs that fail to file in a timely manner, or to maintain a registered agent in the state of Vermont, will result in the termination of the club's good standing with the Secretary of State's office. For clubs needing to check or reinstate their status, they can do so through the [Vermont Secretary of State's portal](#).

Email Fraud Alert for Club Members

Beware! You might receive emails from scammers posing as club officers or fellow Lions members, asking for urgent payments, bank transfers, or sensitive information. One common scam involves being asked to purchase gift cards on behalf of the club—this is always a red flag. Never agree to buy gift cards for any reason, no matter how urgent the request appears. Always verify unexpected requests directly with the person through a phone call or in-person meeting. Your diligence protects the club from financial fraud. Stay cautious and alert!

Editor's Corner

A note from the Editor:

Thank you all for your patience as we transition to a new Editor of the Communiqué. While we don't need to reinvent the wheel, there is always a learning curve associated with transition. I'm amazed at how much I have already learned in putting together the August issue.

With that said, there are a few housekeeping items that I'd like take care of so that we are all on the same page.

1st: When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put **'For Communiqué'** in the subject line of the email. This will help to quickly scan and sort for information. I don't want to miss anything or have it get lost in a sea of emails.

2nd: Please submit items in one of the following formats: PDF, Word, PNG or JPEG. Please help me get the Communiqué posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format.

3rd: 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, an item from a recent submission:

(Who) **ORLEANS LIONS CLUB**

(What) **HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**

(When) Saturday August 24, 2024

(Where) Lake Willoughby North Beach parking lot

(Why) It's their fundraiser

(How) Sign up at 9:00 am (start at 10:00am)

\$30 per team – maximum 40 teams

4 pits – horseshoes provided

Double elimination – rules to be posted

Cash prizes, and items for raffle

(Other relevant information) We no longer provide food at this event; Please - no dogs

4th: Please remember to include a caption with each picture. It should identify who is in the picture and what event is depicted.

And lastly: 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. It will get on the calendar and out to the district to be promoted.

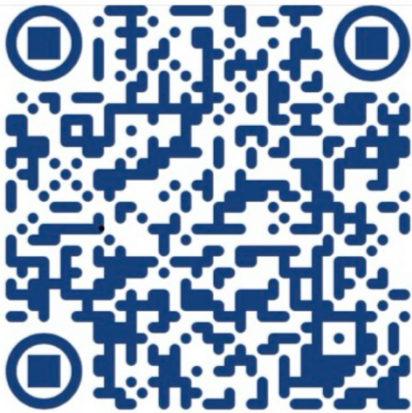
All information/photos MUST be received by the 25th of each month.

Thanks for your help in promoting the great work of Lions across our district!

GIVE US A FOLLOW

SCAN THESE QR CODES TO FOLLOW DISTRICT 45 AND HELP US GROW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM



WANT TO HAVE YOUR POST SHARED ON THE DISTRICT PAGES?

EMAIL SVDGDREW AT

ANDREW.J.PERRY96@GMAIL.COM