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Happy Spring !

Notes from the District Governor - April 2025

Well, everyone, we're coming down to the wire. Spring has signaled its "pending" arrival, and the sap buckets are full to overflowing. Doesn't that sound wonderful! Now we need to make that final push to have a spectacular end of the year, and we can do it. How? you may ask...

- Get busy and sign up those few members who have been on the fence these past months.
- Plan your final big fundraiser and show your community that your Lions Club is strong and supportive of the people they serve.
- Make a final effort to vision screen those last few students. See if a school has stragglers they may wish to get screened before the end of the year.
- Let's help PDG Travis crush the goal that was set for LCIF. This will be the first time in many years we have been able to stand up and proudly support LCIF with all the innovative projects and ideas that PDG Travis and others came up with to make this goal a reality. Kudos to the Super Raffle team for all their hard work in helping this be one of the best years ever.
- Plan on attending the Twin State Soccer Game. The proceeds get split between Vermont and New Hampshire districts so support this fun event and cheer on our high school athletes!

These are just a few things you can do to support District 45 and make a difference in your communities.

And you could always start planning for next year...

- Consider entering the Peace Poster Contest next year if your club has never done so. It's a load of fun for everyone.
- Come to the Spring Convention and sit in on the Speak Out Contest. I promise you, you will be impressed and amazed at the incredible poise and knowledge of these young people. You may even consider running your own contest next year.
- VISIT OTHER CLUBS. You can come away with some fresh ideas for your own club next year, not to mention, ITS JUST PLAN FUN (and it can get you out of those winter doldrums).

Now that I have given you some ideas about things a club could do to finish out this year in good shape and even next year, don't just sit there and think about it. DO something, anything "to leave your mark" on District 45.

Information about the Spring Convention is listed later in this Communiqué. It promises to be a weekend of great fun, good food, and wonderful socializing. Information will also be sent to club secretaries to distribute for your convenience.

Enjoy the coming warmer weather and I hope to see you all at Spring Convention!
Yours in kindness and gratitude,
District Governor Debra Savery

<i>Date</i>	<i>Hosts-Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
April, 2025		
April 5, 2025	Castleton Lions Basket Raffle	378 Rte 4 Castleton, VT
April 5, 2025	Barre Lions – Cookout Aubuchon Hardward	85 S Main Street Barre, VT
April 12, 2025	Castleton Lions Texas Hold'em	American Legion, Post 50 Castleton, VT
April 26, 2025	Royalton & Area Lions, Spring Paint Party	Vermont Law School
April 26 & 27, 2025	Swanton-Missisquoi Valley, Pancake Breakfast	St. Albans City School St. Albans, VT
April 27, 2025	Colchester Lions Club Trivia & Fun, Fundraiser for ID Candidate PDG Kathy	Arrowhead Senior Center 46 Middle Road Milton, VT
May, 2025		
May 2, 2025, deadline	District 45 Diaper drive	All Clubs
April – May 2025	Calendar Raffle for ID Candidate PDG Kathy Dorman	All Clubs
May 3, 2025	Fish Fry	Arlington Rec Park Pavilion
May 12, 2025	Harlem Wizards Basketball	Burr & Burton Academy Manchester, VT
May 16-17, 2025	NELC Spring Weekend	Lions Camp Pride New Durham, NH
May 17, 2025	Essex Junction & Champlain Valley Spaghetti Dinner	VFW Post 6689 Essex Junction, VT
May 17, 2025	Barre Lions – Cookout Aubuchon Hardward	85 S Main Street Barre, VT
May 30-31 & June 1 2025	Spring Convention	Fireside Inn West Lebanon, NH
May 31, 2025	District 45 Speak Out Contest	Fireside Inn West Lebanon, NH
June, 2025		
June 10, 2025	11th Annual Barre Lions Club Disc Golf Tournament	The Quarries Disc Golf Course in the Barre Town Forest
July, 2025		
July 13-17, 2025	LCI Convention	Orlando, Florida
July 26, 2025	Lions Twin State Soccer Games Celebrating 50 th Season	Hanover High School Hanover, NH

Please be sure to check out the 2025 Spring Convention Information. This information will also be sent to Club Secretaries to be shared with their members.

We hope to see you there!

Club News

Arlington Lions



The Arlington Lions hosted a Community Soup Dinner for local residents on Friday, February 28. Seven (7) homemade soups, salad, bread and dessert were shared by all. The club also packaged 50 dry Bean Soup containers which were given out to those attending the dinner.



Lions John & Susan Toth, Jeanne McDermott and Barbara Benjamin read books to PreK, K & 4th grade students at Fisher Elementary School and infants & toddlers at Arlington Area Childcare. The Lions shared their love for reading and made story time extra special for all learners.

Barre Lions



Barre Lions Club members Rick Theken, Linda Mercy, Harry Hinrichsen, and Judy Cookson, present Dave Rouleau, President of the Barre Town Rec Board, with a check for \$600.

The donation will be used for the purchase and maintenance of a concrete pad at The Quarries Disc Golf Course in the Barre Town Forest. The 11th Annual Barre Lions Golf Tournament on Tuesday, June 10th.



Essex Junction Lions Essex Junction Lions volunteered in the Family Room making crafts with the children at the Vermont Flower Show on March 7th thru the 9th



Lion Fern Henson & Rachel McLaren



Lions Erin Casselman and daughter Madison, QL Linda Stone



Lions Lynette Pelsor & Steve Jurnak



Lions QL Linda Stone, Fern Henson, PDG Betsy MaGee and Steve Jurnak



Essex Junction Queen Lion Linda Stone presented a 25-year Chevron to Lion Ann Gray on March 12th

Speak Out Contest



Chairs Lions Matt Gibson and PDG Betsy MaGee present \$150 First Prize to Ari Glaser who gave an excellent speech to the Essex Junctions Lions Club on March 12.

We plan to see Ari at the District Speak Out Contest in May and wish him the very best!



From International Director Steve Middlemiss

LeeAnn and I were back on the road in March with visits to Kansas, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Missouri and the March Board meeting as well. We continue to meet some amazing Lions and Leaders all working hard to support those in their communities who are in need. We have come away with new friends and new ideas for service and fundraising projects. More importantly, everyone we met and spoke with were positive that we can meet our goal of increasing our membership. They all know and realize that with more members we can serve more needs. Mission 1.5, our LCIF fundraising goals and the service to our communities are all attainable if we truly believe we can reach them. But to do so will take each of us and our own efforts. Remember our Legacy of Service. We both hope you will be attending this year's convention in Orlando. There are a few changes to the normal routine. The Parade will be on Monday the 14th and the step-off time has been changed to 8:00 AM. Those of you who will be delegates, voting will be held on Days 3 & 4. There will not be a half day on Day 5. Please join us as we bring in a new year of Lionism.

This month, LeeAnn and I will be visiting Ohio, Michigan, and Louisiana with a break for Easter. We continue to look forward to serving the Lions of the World as we all work toward "Making Our Mark". Thank you all once again for your support and we look forward to seeing you in Orlando.

Yours in Lionism,

ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn

(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)

Spring Paint Party



Saturday, April 26th
1 - 4 pm
Vermont Law School (Yates Room)
\$ 30 per person
contact Carol Greene
802 291-3750
or email vtlioncarol@gmail.com

Come paint along
 with Acrylic Artist Bonnie Pettit.

We will be painting this beautiful spring garden
 on a 11X14 canvas with step by step direction.

**Sponsored by Royalton & Area Lions Club to
 benefit Childhood Cancer**

No Alcohol allowed



Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions Club

men and women guided by kindness to serve our communities
 and the world in times of need.

Pancake Breakfast

April 26th and 27th, 2025 ~ 7 am till Noon

St. Albans City School
29 Bellows Street, St. Albans, VT

Dine In
 65 and older ~ \$10 Person
 age 13 - 64 ~ \$11 Person
 age 5 - 12 ~ \$6 Person
 4 and Under Free
 Grab and Go
 \$11 Person
 Reserve Not Necessary
 but can reserve by
 emailing
swantonlions@gmail.com
 Cash or Credit Card



MENU

Pancakes
 Scrambled
 Eggs
 Sausage
 Home Fries
 Milk, Coffee
PURE VT
MAPLE
SYRUP



Proceeds to Benefit the Less Fortunate
 Through Community Service Projects



Kathy D

For ID



*Colchester Lions Club
 Presents An Afternoon of*

TRIVIA

*Trivia and Fun
 Fundraiser for PDG Kathy
 And her campaign for International Director*

*Arrowhead Senior Center
 46 Middle Road, Milton VT*

Sunday April 27th

1:00 p.m. Doors Open

1:45 p.m. Trivia Begins!!!

*Registration: \$25 Individuals OR
 \$100 per team (no more than 5)*

*To Register (or more information) contact
 Lion Melinda at 802-233-0408 or Lion Ken at 802-578-7483*

Trivia Galore!!

Silent Auction!!! 50/50!!!! Munchies!!!

Granite State Virtual Lions

District 44N



Work Less, Live More

Reusing, Upcycling and Using Less to Help the Planet

When: Saturday, April 12, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Presented by:

D44N NH Green Team

Sponsored by:

Granite State Virtual Lions



To register, click location

Castleton Lions Club
Basket Raffle – April 5, 2025
Doors open at 11am, Drawings start at 1pm
Where: Castleton Legion
378 Rte 4, Castleton, VT
\$5 Admission = 1 sheet of tickets



Castleton Lions Club Texas Hold'em Tournament

American Legion, Post 50
Castleton, VT 05735

April 12, 2025

**\$50 buy in plus \$10 bounty (\$60 total), limited to
the first 100 players**

**Rebuys during first and second rounds \$60
\$10 high hand, must rebuy for additional play
hand to count**

Timed rounds, with increasing blinds

**Hot Dogs & Hamburgers for sale during the
break**

Cash bar

Check in at 9:00 AM, Play starts at 10:00 AM

Payouts will depend on turnout

Bounties paid out separately

50/50 Drawing

**This event is a fund raiser to benefit the Lions
Club Charities**

For more information call

Steven (802) 236-2473

Joe (802) 558-3074

Dennis (802) 273-2053





**Essex Junction Lions Club
&
Champlain Valley Lions Club
PRESENT**

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for local family in need

**All money raised will go to help
Local community needs.**

**May 17th, 2025
VFW Post 6689
73 Pearl Street Essex Junction Vt. 05452
Adults \$20 Children 12 and under \$10**

Join us for a night of fun!

**Social hour 4 PM to 5 PM
Dinner begins serving at 5 PM**

Raffle, Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance,
Please email joinessexlions@gmail.com for info**





Please feel free to use this poster to help grow membership in your area! The QR code brings you to a Google form where people can share their info to get in touch with a local club.

WE WANT YOU

Lions Clubs of Vermont



Want to help your community?

Want to help make the world a better place?

Want to get involved?

Send us a message



Vermont District
45 Lions

Google Form





@vermontlionsd45

#WeServe



ATTENTION
Fellow D-45
Lions!

Vermont Lions D-45

THE MONEY TREE

Benefit Vermont Lions Charities

"THE MONEY TREE" RAFFLE IS BACK! THIS FUNDRAISER IS FUN AND TICKETS ARE EASY TO SELL!

We have covered this tree with \$500.00 of VT Lottery Tickets! There will be three prizes: Raffle's First Place drawing wins all VT Lottery Tickets plus the tree, 2nd Place prize is \$200.00 cash and 3rd Place is a \$100.00 cash prize. All net proceeds will go into VL C's General Fund to cover growing demands for Sight and other D-45 Club requests. The cost of one raffle ticket is \$10.00 or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Envelopes containing raffle tickets will be mailed directly to D-45 Club Secretaries. For additional tickets or any questions about the raffle, please contact PCST Bruce Savery. You may contact Lion Bruce by phone: 802-289-1696 or email: bsavery29@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT! Please return all sold tickets with checks made out to Vermont Lions Charities to: Lion Bruce Savery, 137 Maple Ridge Road, Chester, VT 05143 by the deadline: May 22. The prizes will be drawn on May 31, 2025 at Spring Convention to be held at the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon, NH. Please be sure to mail these in on time. Also, please bring or send along by another Lion, any unsold tickets to this meeting.

Thank you again for your support. We sincerely hope that D-45 Club members enjoy participating in this fundraiser. Be assured your efforts will reach far beyond D-45 Club areas, contributing assistance where Vermonters do not have the added benefit of a Lions Club.

Thank you for your consideration and hopeful participation!

Yours in Lionism,

PCST Bruce Savery



Purchase your tickets by
May 22!



Congratulations to Lion Melinda from Colchester and Lion Mary from Essex Junction on completing RLLI this weekend in NH. D45 is incredibly proud of the work you put in during this training and is looking forward to hearing more about your experiences!

If you or someone in your club is interested in growing their leadership skills, please send us a message or talk to IPDG Travis at the next Cabinet Meeting to get your name on the list for next year's RLLI.



Peace Poster Contest



2024-25 Grand Prize Winner

Shuwen Wang
13 years old
China
[Watch](#)



Sponsored by
Dalian Delong Lions Club

Be sure to visit LCI Website for all the winners



2024-25 Merit Award Winner

Ava Simone Durden
13 years old
New Hampshire, USA



Sponsored by
Nashua Lions Club

The 2025-2026 Contest Together As One

When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we're inviting students around the world to envision what can happen when a diverse group of people unites around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one!

October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

Students aged 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster#kit>

A message on Social Media Security



Below is a real message that District 45 received
Via Facebook Messenger

If your club gets a message like this report it,
it's a form of fishing scam called smishing (sms fishing)
be sure to report these to Facebook and delete, do not click the link or links!

Facebook will never send you a message via messenger for account deactivation.

D45 has received 7 of these messages recently,
Smishing is a fast growing form of internet scams
That is so effective because at first glance it looks real.
Usually don't realize it's fake until it's too late.

If you are unsure of a message being real or not:

If it says anything the photos below I can guarantee it's fake.
Once you verify, report the message then block the sender.

DO NOT CLICK THE LINKS!!!

Do not hesitate to reach out
if you have any questions.

I would be more than happy to assist
any way I can!

Thank you,

SUDC Drew Penny

Andrew.j.perry95@gmail.com
(603) 505-5371 - call or text

⚠ Important notification
from Meta:

Your Facebook page is
scheduled to be permanently
removed due to violating our
trademark rights. We made this
decision after careful
consideration and in
compliance with our intellectual
property protection policies.

If you believe this is a
misunderstanding, we kindly
ask you to submit a complaint
so we can review it before
removing the page from
Facebook.

We understand that this
situation may impact your
ongoing business operations.
However, please note that if we
do not receive your complaint,
our decision will be final.

Request of Review : [https://
rebrand.ly/](https://rebrand.ly/)

[SupportMeta_US2025_8278](#)

Your cooperation and
understanding are greatly
appreciated. If you have any
questions or concerns, please
contact us.

Best regards,
Facebook support team

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[rebrand.ly](#)



Save the Date

SPRING WEEKEND

May 16-17, 2025

Lions Camp Pride

New Durham, New Hampshire



www.lionscamppride.org

To the Lions of District 45 and to our fellow Lions of New England and beyond

I would like to say THANK YOU to all who participated in the cash raffle fundraiser AND the Vergennes Lions Club for hosting. It was very successful in raising funds for my campaign.

The next fundraising raffle will be a calendar raffle. There will be one prize (minimum value of \$50) for every day in the month of May. All prizes will be drawn at the Spring Convention. We are looking for prizes / sponsors for each day. The prizes can be cash, or an item for your community (i.e. a gift card or a local product) donated by your club or an individual Lion. All donors will be listed on the raffle ticket.

The tickets can be sold to Lions only: clubs and individual Lions (District 45 and BEYOND!!!). A rough draft of the ticket and the flyer is below (final version / tickets to be available by April 15th.)

Please contact PDG Ken Emery (kpemery1960@gmail.com / 802-578-7483) or myself (vtlionkathy@gmail.com / 802-373-4180) if you have a prize to donate no later than April 8th.

Thank you!

PDG Kathy



Kathy D For ID



Calendar Ca\$h Raffle
Month of May!!!!
Benefit PDG Kathy and her
Candidacy for International Director
31 chances to win!!!

\$5 per ticket, 5 tickets - \$20

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 \$100	2 \$50	3 \$50
4 \$50	5 \$100	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50
11 \$100	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$50
18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$100	24 \$50
25 \$50	26 \$100	27 \$50	28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$100	31 \$100

Drawing to be held
Saturday May 31, 2025
District 45 Spring Convention

VERMONT



DISTRICT 45 VERMONT OFFICIAL FACEBOOK GROUP

What's the difference between a Facebook Page and Group? Why do we have both?

Facebook Page: Like a Bulletin Board or a Newsletter

A Page is a public profile that businesses, organizations, public figures, or even your local library use to share information with everyone.

Facebook Group: Like a Club Meeting

A Group is a place for people with shared interests

To connect and interact with each other.

D45 Lions "join" the Group to participate.

Members can post messages, photos, and videos.

It's a two-way conversation: everyone can contribute

*District 45 wants you in the conversation,
please consider joining*



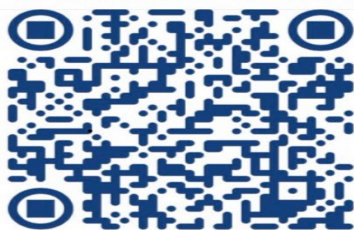
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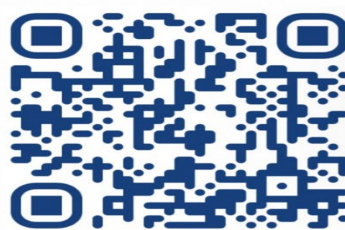
GIVE US A FOLLOW

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.PERRY95@GMAIL.COM



Vermont Lions District 45
Elections of District Officers 2025-2026
Spring Convention
Saturday, May 31, 2025



April 1, 2025

To All Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Past District Governors

The Election of District 45 Officers: District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor is to be done at the annual Spring Convention on May 30-June 1 as part of the business meeting to be held Saturday, May 31, 2025.

Club Delegate Formula: Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Club International and this District shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown on the records of the international office on the first day of the month preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote for each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district.

Attached is a list of each club and number of delegates, alternatives plus the Past District Governors for each club. A Past District Governor may cast a ballot as a club delegate OR as a Past District Governor but not both.

Please let us know by May 25 who your club delegates are. Please also let us know if the Past District Governor(s) for your club are going to be voting as a delegate for your club or if they are voting individually.

We look forward to seeing everyone in West Lebanon at the Fireside Inn and Suites for this very important election. And hearing from you in regarding to your club representation. Attached you will find bios on the candidates for each position along with details about the 2025 Spring Convention.

Again, we look forward to seeing everyone!

Yours in Lionism,

2025 Election Committee

PDG Betsy MaGee lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com

PDG Bob Wilcox wilcoxrw@aol.com

PDG Carol Greene vtlioncarol@gmail.com



Vermont Lions District 45
Elections of District Officers 2025-2026
Spring Convention
Saturday, May 31, 2025



Elections to be held as part of the 2025 Spring Convention Business Meeting.

Meeting to be held in person. Clubs must determine who their delegates are going to be by no later than May 25th, 2025. Past District Governors can vote as a delegate for their club or individually but not both. Clubs must be in good standing in regarding to paying financial amounts to Lions Clubs International and District 45.

All delegates and Past District Governors MUST register at the Election registry PRIOR to start of the election process.

Candidates are:

DG 1st VDG Tanya Letourneau, Essex Junction Lions

1st VDG Andrew Perry, Essex Junction Lions

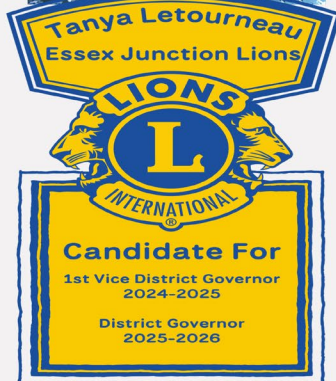
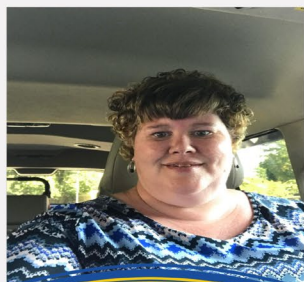
2nd VDG Lucas Herring, Barre Lions

Club	Members as of 3/31	Delegates	PDG
Arlington	24	2	Monte/Wilcox
Barre	50	5	Walz
Brandon Forest Dale	24	2	
Brattleboro Areaa	2	0	
Castleton	71	7	Patch/Bizon
Champlain Valley	38	3	
Colchester	28	2	Emery
Deerfield	40	4	
Enosburgh Falls	48	4	
Essex Junction	44	4	MaGee
Georgia	11	1	Fuller
Granville	45	4	
Heartland/Royalton & Area	20	2	Arnold/Hastings/Greene
Jericho-Underhill	22	2	
Londonderry Tri Mtn	12	1	Nichols
Manchester	26	2	Wood
Middlebury	54	5	Broughton
NorShaft	48	4	Smith
Norwich	21	2	Wheeler
Orleans	35	3	
Readsboro	27	2	
Richford	20	2	
Springfield	28	2	Millay/Wilson
Strafford & Area	58	5	Coburn/Tiholz
Swanton-Missisquoi Valley	14	1	Souza/Juaire
Troy & Area Valley	34	3	McWilliams
Vergennes	9	1	
Williston	65	6	Simino/Dorman
Windsor	4	0	
	12	1	
Total Members	934		

Get to know your candidates:

Elections of District 45 Officers: District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor is to be done at the annual Spring Convention, May 30-April 1, as part of the business meeting to be held Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Wet Lebanon Fireside Inn and Suites.

District Governor Candidate, Lion Tanya Letourneau, Essex Junction Lions



Tanya Letourneau
55 Jericho Rd.
Essex Junction, VT 05452

Cell: (802)324-4160
Email: vtliontanya@gmail.com



I have been a lion for six years.

In the six years I have been a lion
I have personally grown more
than I ever thought possible.

I have become the person
I only had a dream of becoming.

Kindness
is
MAGIC

1st 1

My Lions History

Member of Williston Lions Club
For 4 years

Member of Essex Junction Lions
Club for 2 years

Champlain Valley Lions Charter
Club Sponsor Member

HAVE SERVED IN THE
FOLLOWING OFFICES:

Cabinet Secretary

Zone Chair

Club President

New England Lions
Council Member

Food From the Heart Chair

Super Raffle Committee



Why?

Lions help people,
I love helping people.

Lions change lives,
I want to change lives.

Where there is a need
there is a lion.

I want to be
the best lion I can be.



**If you have the
power to make
someone happy,
do it!
The world needs
more of that.**
#kindnessmatters

DREW PERRY
For
Vice District Governor
2025-2026



We Serve

DREW PERRY
For
Vice District Governor
2025-2026



**Thank you
for
your
consideration**

186 West St
Apt 1
Essex Junction, Vt. 05452
Call or Text:
(603)505-5371

Email:
andrew.j.perry95@gmail.com

We Serve

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For
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I've been involved with service organizations my whole life.

In 2011 my family became members of the Grange where I have held the position of Marketing Chair since 2013

In 2012 I was awarded BSA's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout from Troop 521 where I had been a Member since 2001

From there I attended Northern Vermont University where I studied Adventure Leadership.

Post college my wife and I moved to Essex Junction and joined the Lions.

DREW PERRY
For
Vice District Governor
2025-2026



Leadership History

Lions Leadership Possitions

Second Vice District Governor
Zone Chair
E.J. President
E.J. Secretary
E.J. Board of Directors
E.J. Chartered Organization Rep.
Super Raffle Committee Chair
Green Mountain Lions Camp

Awards

Melvin Jones Fellowship
2024 recipient
Vermont Lions Charity's
500 Club Award Recipient

Other Accomplishment's

B.S. Adventure Leadership
Northern Vermont University
A.S. Digital Media and Marketing
Northern Vermont University
Eagle Scout - 3 Palms
B.S.A Troop 521 Londonderry N.H.
Leadership Training Certified Instructor
National Youth Leadership Training



Get to know me

My wife and I have been Lions for 6 years. We originally got involved to serve our community as we both we're new to Essex Junction and have been in and around service organizations our entire lives.

My journey to Lions started in the Scouts where I earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2012 and 3 Palms in 2013.

Growing up in New Hampshire I always loved the outdoors and scouting brought me to N.V.U and Vermont to pursue a degree in Adventure Leadership

My wife Sabrina and I met in 2016 and bonded over our shared love for photography and nature. When we married in 2021 we opted to elope on the beautiful Kukio beach in Kailua-Kona Hawaii.

In 2020, we rescued our 4 legged son Togo, an adorable Husky Golden Retriever mix

Though he is not a Lion we consider him our "Puppy in service" and we're hoping to have him by our side this year at the Essex Junction Memorial Day Parade.

Sabrina, Togo and I appreciate your consideration!

DREW PERRY
For
Vice District Governor
2025-2026



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**Ralph
Waldo
Emerson**

About Me

A lifetime Central Vermonter but travelled all 50 states. 25-year state employee currently working as a Deputy IT Director at ADS supporting the Agency of Human Services. My volunteer experience is with the 251 Club of VT, Sons of the American Legion, Green Up VT, Scouting, Barre Mutuo, BYSA Football, Everybody Wins!, Elks, FFFF, Northfield Observances, Relay for Life, Corrections Technology Association, March of Dimes, Prevent Child Abuse VT, VFW, and the Penguin Plunge. I have a 11 years of experience on City Council (4 years as Mayor) a decade on School Boards (6 years as Chair), and boards and committees for VSBA, VLCT, VSEA, and the USS VT.



Awards

- VSARA Beacon Award
- Corrections Tech. Assoc. Presidents' Award
- District Commander of the Year
- Butch Miller Award
- George B. Evans Grassroot Award
- Community Service Recognition Award
- S.A.L. Squadron Member of the Year
- Nearing 20 gallons donated to the American Red Cross



Q & A

What do Lions do?

Our main mission is to help those who have sight and hearing problems, but we also are ready to help all who are needy.

Where do YOU serve?

Lions Clubs are international, but I will be concentrating on helping those in District 45, and in your local clubs. Let me help you to grow your club, increase your fundraising, and become better recognized in your communities.

How Big are WE?

There are 34 clubs in Vermont and 46,000 worldwide. WE are the world's largest service club with over 1.6 million members!

How do I learn more?

Please visit:

www.vermontlions.org



My Lions History

- Member of the Barre Lions Club
- Past Club President
- Past Board of Director
- Local Speak Out Chairperson
- Zone Chair
- Green Mountain Lions Camp participant
- Volunteer for Club and District Activities

What is a Lion?

Lions are dedicated men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes in the local and world communities. By conducting service projects and raising funds, Lions strive to help those in need. The Lions' motto "WE SERVE" is not merely a motto, but our definition and philosophy of life!

Ever since Helen Keller, challenged Lions to become "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness," we have concentrated on giving aid to those with sight and hearing problems.

Internationally, Lions have nearly eradicated the disease of river blindness in Africa and are now saving the sight of millions in South America by providing cataract surgery.

The 2025 District 45 Spring Convention

An Overview of the Upcoming Event

Introduction

The 2025 Spring Convention is set to be one of the most anticipated events of the year, bringing together Lions from all over District 45. This annual event has built a reputation for being a time of great fun, social interaction and Lion comradery.

Event Details

Dates and Venue

The 2025 Lions District 45 Spring Convention will take place from May 30 to June 1, 2025, at the comfortable and spacious Fireside Inn and Suites, 25 Airport Rd, Lebanon, NH located in the area of West Lebanon, NH. The venue offers spacious rooms, modern facilities, and easy access to shops, stores and attractions of all kinds.

Registration and Attendance

For room registration, attendees are urged to register early as the block of rooms reserved at the lower rate of \$139.95 plus taxes for this event will go quickly. Remember, this price also includes breakfast. Please call Fireside directly (603) 242-1270 to reserve your room. The deadline for the lower room rate is 5/1/2025. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS PART OF THE LION'S CONVENTION WHEN REGISTERING.

➡ To register for the Spring Convention, please send your completed registration form with payment to PDG CST John Taholiz, by 5/20/25, found in the Communique.

Guest Speaker

The 2025 Spring Convention is proud to announce that the guest speaker for Saturday evening will be PID Joyce Middleton. She will be speaking on the value of service to District 45 and around the world.

PID Joyce is from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

A charter member of the Bridgewater Community Lions Club since 2008, and a Lion since 2002, she has held many offices within the association. In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, two Club President Excellence Awards, District Governor Excellence Award, Extension Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciations and three International President's Medals. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Middleton has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the National Braille Press.

Director Middleton and her husband, Martin, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and one daughter, who are also Lions.



Other Activities for Convention

Friday evening will be a night of food, socializing and dancing with a few surprises thrown in by our very own PDG Travis Wood. A beautiful buffet, dessert and cash bar will be available for your evening pleasure. (Food choices to follow for all meals)

Saturday will be a full day of activities (with some down time built in so you can catch your breath). In the morning there will be a presentation by Lion Michael Wright who will speak on the importance of vision screening in Vermont and will be available to perform vision screenings and answer questions for those interested. This will be scheduled right after breakfast from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

At 10:15 we will gather for the annual Speak Out Contest hosted by PDG Ken Emery. This event is always a great opportunity to listen to the young people of our district share their views and knowledge about a chosen topic. This year's eight contestants will speak about "Volunteering – Best way to leave a 'mark'!!!" and promises to be interesting and educational. Immediately following the contest, another lovely lunch buffet with dessert will be available which will give attendees a chance to chat with the young people about their future plans.

The evening will be the main event of the weekend. The Melvin Jones Banquet will again be a wonderful evening of food, speeches, awards and yes, more dancing. The meal for this evening will be a plated affair with delicious choices to choose from. This event will also mark the 25th wedding anniversary of District Governor Debra and PCST Bruce, so be assured there will be more surprises throughout the evening.

And Sunday morning will close the weekend with the annual Memorial Service held after breakfast, beautifully orchestrated by PDGs Merry Sousa and Sharilee Juarie.

Fundraising

During the weekend there will be an opportunity to purchase those last few tickets for the Money Tree raffle raising funds for VLC and the ever popular and successful basket raffle.

Conclusion

The 2025 Lion's Spring Convention promises to be a weekend of fun and friendship, good food and good entertainment.

For more information and to register, check out the Communique or visit the District 45 website.



Meal Package Pricing and Menu Options

An Overview of Our Culinary Delights

Introduction

Here you will find the food options for the 2025 Lions Spring Convention. Take a look and find the meal package that will best suit your needs for the day or weekend. Enjoy!

Meal Package Pricing

We offer several meal packages to suit your needs, whether you are dining solo, with a partner, for a day or the entire weekend. Our pricing is straightforward and transparent, ensuring you get the best value for your money.

Meal Package Prices:

Option A \$125.00 per person

Includes:

Dinner Buffet and Dessert on Friday night

Saturday Lunch Buffet and Dessert

Saturday Night Plated Dinner and Dessert

Cash Bar on Friday and Saturday

All taxes and Service Charges included

Option B \$50.00 per person

Friday Night Dinner Buffet

Cash Bar

All taxed and Service Charges included

Option C \$25.00 per person

Lunch Buffet and Dessert on Saturday and Dessert

All taxes and Service Charges included

Option D \$60.00 per person

Plated dinner and Dessert on Saturday

Cash bar All Taxes and Service Charges included

Menu Options

Our menus are designed to cater to a wide range of tastes and dietary requirements. Below are the detailed options available for main courses and desserts.

Friday Dinner Buffet Menu

Served with warm dinner rolls, whipped butter, coffee, tea and decaffeinated coffee

Salad Selections

Pasta Salad

Potato Salad

Entrée Selections

Pork Marsala

Bakes Haddock w/ Herb Crumb Topping

Starch

Rice Pilaf

Dessert Garden

Lunch Buffet Options for Saturday

Delicatessen platter with sliced Roast Beef, Ham, and Turkey

Fresh Sliced Tomato, Green Leaf Lettuce, Sliced Red Onion

Tuna Salad or Chicken Salad Potato chips, Relish Tray and Dell Pickles Spears

Cheddar Cheese and Swiss Cheese

Cole Slaw

Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee and Pitchers of Ices Tea and Lemonade

Cookies and Brownies

Plated Dinner Selections Saturday Evening

Main Course Selections are Served with a Fresh Garden Salad, Basket of Warm Rolls, Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Potato Du Jour or Rice, Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee

Dinner Selections you may choose from:

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Crabmeat Stuffed Sole

Stuffed with Ham and Swiss Cheese Served with a Newburg Sauce

Topped with a Creamy Cider Sauce

Dessert

Cheesecake

Special Dietary Options

We understand the importance of catering to various dietary needs and preferences. Our menu includes options for vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and other special diets.

Please note your dietary option on the registration form.

Conclusion

We invite you to explore our meal packages and menu options designed to provide a memorable dining experience.

With these diverse offerings we hope to ensure that there is something for everyone to enjoy. Bon appétit!

Convention Registration Form

2025 Lions District 45 Spring Convention

Personal Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Convention Details

Date: May 30 – June 1

Registration and Payment Information **Food orders must be in by Friday, May 23rd, 2025**

*Please refer to the Meal Package Pricing and Menu Options sheet

I will be attending Friday evening ()
Saturday ()
Sunday AM ()

*Meals Choices: Option A ()
Option B ()
Option C ()
Option D ()

My choice for the Saturday Banquet is: Chicken Cordon Bleu ()
Crabmeat Stuffed Sole ()

I have the following Special Dietary requests:

**Please send registration and payment to CST John Tiholiz at: 100 Maple Hill Rd., Thetford Center, VT 05075 by
Friday, May 23rd, 2025**

For more information, please contact DG Deb Savery at: tallships53@gmail.com
or CST John Tiholiz at jctiholiz@gmail.com