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A Message From District Governor Ken Emery:

Fellow Vermont Lions, I think Spring is here, somewhere, BUT I do know MAY IS HERE!!! Two major events for us this particular month.

First there is the Vermont Lions Charities walkathon on May 9th being held at three locations – Arlington Lions Park, Tunbridge Fairgrounds and University Mall. This is a MAJOR fundraiser for VLC as it continues its mission to help meet the needs of our clubs and residents of the state. Whether you can walk 14 miles or just 1 / 4 of a mile please join us. Time is 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at all three locations.

Then there is the SPRING CONVENTION. A 3 day celebration of the 2014 – 2015 Lions year. May 15th, 16th and 17th at Mt. Snow Grand Summit Resort, West Dover. Highlights for the weekend include:

- Friday noon – Readsboro Lions Club Open House – Readsboro Lions Park – Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Friday Night - 'Breakfast with Champions'. Wear your favorite team (does not need to be sport) or sporting outfit. Bring your club banner to participate in the 'parade of banners'. Participate in the 'Lions Feud'.
- Saturday morning: Breakfast honoring Past Cabinet Secretaries and Treasurer's.
- Saturday mid-morning: 60th Annual District Business meeting including elections of district leadership for 2015 – 2016.
- Saturday noon is the annual MELVIN JONES LUNCHEON where fellow Vermonters will be awarded a well deserving Melvin Jones Fellow. The Rick Dutil 'We Serve' Award for a deserving Leo will also be presented.
- Saturday afternoon – A 'cribbage-thon' in honor of PID Jules Cote is being held. Please join us in playing a game of cribbage or cards in honor of PID Jules who did so much for Lions, here in Vermont and throughout the world. Please bring a cribbage board if you have one.
- Saturday evening – Annual Past District Governor and District Governor Banquet. Looking forward to hear the inspirational words of PID Carolyn Messier and her husband Lion Norm from our fellow New England state – Connecticut.
- Sunday morning – 'Looking to the future of Lionism' here in District 45.
- The Gene Farrar Memorial Raffle, benefit for the Green Mountain Lions Camp will also be held as part of Spring Convention.

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We, as a district, are doing 'fantastic' with our membership. As of April 27th, we are minus 4 for total membership compared to 'year-end' 2013 – 2014. Working toward a goal of + 1 membership district wide by end of year. (Please look elsewhere in communique for District 45 comparison to other districts). BUT there is one other goal that I was hoping to meet. Have EACH CLUB in the district add just ONE NEW member. By adding one new member, it should bring some excitement and new ideas to a club. One new member will hopefully lead to a second new member and then a third, so on and so on.

And just an 'F Y I'. There are now over 1.4 million Lions members worldwide!!!!!!

Hope to see everyone along the Lionism trail.

DG Ken

District 45 Calendar

May 2015	
9	Spring Convention Meals Only Reservation Deadline
9	VLC Walk-a-Thon at the University Mall in South Burlington, Arlington Lions Park, Arlington and Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge – Registration at 9:30, walk begins at 10:00a.m. See information in this Communiqué or contact Lion Phylis Porio.
15-17	60th annual spring Convention, Mt. Snow, Dover Vermont
15	Readsboro Lions Club Open House at Lions Park, 12 - 2
16	Deadline for Convention Competitions: Scrapbooks, Club Newsletter, Ugly Tie/Scarf - all entries must be submitted by 11 a.m.
30	New England Lions Council Annual Spring Meeting and Barbecue – Saturday, May 30 at the Warren Conference Center & Inn. Meeting is 11:00 a.m. and BBQ is 12:20 p.m. \$25 per person. See flyer in this newsletter.



A Message From Lion Stan Patch, Jr., Advisor, A/GMLC

As you are aware, the Vermont Lions, for more than 31 years, have supported a wonderful summer camp for our "deaf and hard of hearing" kids and their siblings. The Austine School for the Deaf is closed due to a filing of bankruptcy. However, the trustee has provided for our wonderful camp to once again be a reality this summer. Camp will have (3) sessions; the Saplings, ages 6 - 9, the Explorers, ages 10 - 13 and the Trekkers, ages 14+. Camp will open on June 28 and will end on July 25th.(four weeks).

The camp needs your assistance more than ever. With the closure of the Austine School, the funding of providing such a wonderful summer camp falls pretty much on the shoulders of the Vermont Lions membership and yes, our individual clubs. You may make your donations in two specific ways:

1. Club donations can be presented at the up-coming Spring Convention, Mt. Snow Grand Resort, May 15-17, 2015. Checks can be presented during the business meeting; "parade of checks"
2. You may mail your club donations to Lion Linwood "Woody" Stoddard, 163 Whitney Road, Springfield, Vt. 05156. Lion Woody is the Treasurer of VLC(Vermont Lions Charities).

Note: to insure proper credit to our camp budget, **please make checks payable to VLC and please note in the check memo section the following: donation to the A/GMLC.**

Your support, individually or via the club, is extremely important. So, please do whatever you can to help. Also, please purchase or sell the two Lion Gene Farrar raffle tickets that you recently received. The sale of these tickets provide in-state camp scholarships.

LION GENE FARRAR RAFFLE TICKETS -

Please support our raffle that makes camp possible for deaf and hard of hearing children. The tickets were printed with only the first ten (10) items received. Since then, thanks to the generosity and hard work of our Lions, we have **22 additional prizes** to award! Be sure to return your tickets now to be included. Or you may buy more at the Convention.



Idea! Why not sell the two you have to a friend or neighbor? Then buy your own on 5/15 and 5/16. The final drawing will be Sunday morning, but you do not need to be present to win.

Thank you again for our support and considering our request.

From the Strafford Area Lions Club

Citizen of the Year! We are thrilled to announce that Linda DuCharme has been nominated the Lions Club Citizen of the Year. Although not a Strafford resident, Linda is the cook for the Senior Center and has done many catering jobs for residents in Strafford. She was our long time cook for our dinner meetings, making many a Lion sigh contentedly, replete with a full stomach of delicious food. Linda is also Ellen Brown's sister.

The Lions Club would like to invite you to join us on May 18th at Barrett Hall to celebrate this honor. The social time is 6:30pm with dinner at 7:00pm and the program to follow immediately. Please RSVP to Chrissy Jamieson at the store, via email or phone (765-4421). Reservations ARE required. If rides are needed, please let Diane White know. Thank you and if you have any questions, please see Chrissy. Also, if you are interested in talking about Linda, please contact Melvin.

In other news, stop by Coburns to sponsor a fellow lion in the upcoming walkathon in Tunbridge on May 9th. We will have our annual town pond work day on Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 am. Bring rakes, clippers, gloves and lend a hand so we can open the pond on Memorial Day weekend. We will be coordinating the chimney cleaning again this year, so if you are interested, please contact Dori Wolfe. The Lions would also like to sponsor swim lessons at the pond again this year IF we can find a parent(s) who would be willing to lead and manage the program. If interested in helping provide this valuable service to the children of our community, please see Chrissy.

It is never too early to start rehearsing! We are beginning our talent search for this year's 4th of July Variety Show. Want to try your hand at being a game show host? Have some pets that do tricks? Have a good joke to tell? A song to sing? Let us know and after a difficult try-out, with a den of Lions reviewers, we'll be sure to sign you up!

In all of this spring flurry, we pause to remember the many good works and kind spirit of Lion Jim Condict, who was our Citizen of the Year in 2003. Whether being ski instructor for the children of our town, or inducting new Lions into our club, Jim was steadfast and true to the Lions cause. He will be missed greatly.

Convention Competition Deadlines:

All entries must be submitted by 11:00 a.m. Saturday May 16th

- Scrapbooks
- Club Newsletter (minimum 6 issues)
- Ugly Tie / Scarf (honor of DG Ken)

Traveling Lions

and their Summer Homes

Traveling Lion information is provided by
Traveling Lion Chair Sandra Brutkoski

The District Lion, Lucky - is spending his summer in Vergennes and will be available for capture September 15, 2015.

Region 1, Tucky – plans are yet to be announced so stay tuned...

Region 2, The General – will be calling Castleton his summer vacation.

Region 3, Chucky - Sir Charles is relaxing with the Heartland Club.

Region 4, Bucky – will find himself in the wonderful lakes and woods of Orleans to enjoy the beautiful Vermont summer.



*Tally Points and D45 Race Awards will be presented at the Cabinet Meeting.
Thanks to all the Traveling Lions who participated in the Race Contest this year.
Lion Sandy*

Photos – Swanton Missisquoi Valley Lions Club Round Robin Rib Raffle





Vermont Lions District 45 60th Annual Spring Convention

Friday, May 15th., Saturday, May 16th. and Sunday, May 17th.



Grand Summit at Mount Snow

89 Grand Summit Way

West Dover, VT 05356

Please make check payable to Vermont District 45.

Send registration form and check to:

CT Loreen Teer

2-B Rabbit Run

Underhill, VT 05489

Tel. No.: (802) 899-1363

Email: ct@d45lions.com or lionloreen2007@gmail.com

No Later May 9th , 2015

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ Club _____

Friday Night Banquet - Number Attending _____ @ \$27 Total \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast – Number Attending _____ @ \$16 Total \$ _____

Melvin Jones Luncheon – Number Attending _____ @ \$26 Total \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet – Number Attending _____ @ \$36 Total \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet Meal Choice: ___ Chicken Picatta Marsala ___ Grilled Bistro Steak ___ Vegetarian

Sunday Breakfast – Number Attending _____ @ \$20 Total \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Any Special Dietary Needs: _____

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY May 15th, 2015

Noon to 2:00 PM

Readsboro Lions Park Open House

3:00 PM to 5 PM

Hospitality ~ Room 345

Candidates for DG Lion Pam Nichols and VDG Lion Joe Wilson

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Registration & Information ~ Hotel Lobby

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

"Breakfast with Champions" ~ Somerset West

Master of Ceremonies ~ Lion Woody Stoddard

Dress ~ Team, Sport or Casual

8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Lions Feud Game Show

Immediately Following Announcements

Hospitality ~ Room 345

Candidates for DG Lion Pam Nichols and VDG Lion Joe Wilson

SATURDAY May 16th, 2015

7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Registration & Information ~ Hotel Lobby

Silent Auction, 200 Club and 50/50

7:45 AM to 9:00 AM

Breakfast ~ Somerset West

"Honoring District 45 Past Cabinet Secretaries and Treasurers"

Master of Ceremonies ~ DG Ken Emery

Dress ~ Lions Business Casual

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

"60th Annual Business Meeting" ~ Deerfield

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

**Activity Program ~ Southern Vermont Natural History Museum at
Hog Back Mountain Gift Shop**

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY May 16th, 2015

Noon to 2 PM

"Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon" ~ Somerset East

Master of Ceremonies ~ PID Tom Broughton

Dress ~ Lions Business Casual

2:00 to 5:00 PM

Hospitality ~ Room 345

Candidates for DG Lion Pam Nichols and VDG Lion Joe Wilson

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Meeting with PIDCarolyn Messier ~ Deerfield

2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Jules Cote Cribathon ~ Roponda South

6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Social -Somerset East

6:45 PM to 9:30 PM

"60th Annual Present & Past District Governors Banquet"

Somerset East

Master of Ceremonies ~ Lion Scott Hinman

Guest Speaker ~ PIDCarolyn Messier

Dress ~ Business Formal

Immediately Following Banquet

Hospitality ~ Room 345

Candidates for DG Lion Pam Nichols and VDG Lion Joe Wilson

SUNDAY May 17th, 2015

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

"Lions Memorial Service" ~ Somerset West

Conducted by: PDG Sherry Lee Juairé, PDG Ken Millay

and PDG Clem Cardinal

9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

Breakfast ~ Somerset Central

Master of Ceremonies ~ District Governor Elect Pam Nichols



Vermont Lions Charities 2015 Walk-a-thon



A Walk for Sight

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

- Locations:** Arlington Lions Park
South Burlington University Mall
Tunbridge Fair Grounds
- Date:** Saturday, May 09, 2015
- Time:** Registration opens: 9:30 a.m.;
- Opening:** Walk starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Walking:** Anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Goals:** Group total: walk 500 kilometers (300 miles) and
raise \$15,000
- Contests:** Win a Flat Screen TV, an Orvis Rod & Reel or other
Great Prizes –one entry for each single sponsor of \$25
and one entry for each \$100 of sponsorship a walker has.
Drawing at the Vermont Lions’ Spring Convention, 5/16/15.

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

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



Vermont Lions Charities 2015 Walk-a-thon



A Walk for Sight

I, _____, am walking for Vermont Lions Charities
and _____.

(Leave this line blank if you want all the proceeds to go to Vermont Lions Charities.)

Fifty percent (50%) of what walker raises can be designated for an Area's Lions activity, e.g.,
Arlington Lions' Scholarships, Heartland Lions' Food Pantry, Essex Lions' Sight & Hearing.

Name	Address (optional)		\$\$\$\$	Total

** Please make all checks payable to VT Lion's Charities, 100% tax deductible. * Please bring this
Donation Form to the Walk-a-thon or return to:*

Lion Phylis Porio, 3842 VT, 7A, Shaftsbury, VT 05262

For more information contact: VLC President, Lion Phylis Porio, 802-442-0380
or via email: vt.lions.charities@aol.com

Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp 2015

About Our



Program

We are so excited - Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp will continue this summer! This camp has brought together Deaf and Hard of Hearing kids and teens from all over New England and beyond for over 30 years! All of our sessions are overnight camps that are located in beautiful Brattleboro, VT. We sleep in cabins, hike on acres upon acres of trails, catch frogs in our pond, and play games on our two huge fields. Memories are made and forever friendships are formed in an environment of total communication access. The primary language used at camp is American Sign Language (ASL) and we guide and encourage new signers to practice and use ASL to foster an environment of access and inclusion.



Camp Sessions



Dates & Fees

Saplings

Our 6-9 year old session, the Vermont Saplings, runs from Sun. July 19-Sat. July 25 (one week).

Cost: \$395

Explorers

Our 10-13 year old session, the Austine Explorers, runs from Sun. July 12-Sat. July 18 (one week).

Cost: \$395

Trekkers

Our 14+ (until graduation) session, the Mountain Trekkers, runs from Sun. June 28-Fri. July 10 (two weeks).

Cost: \$750

** Registration for each session is the first day (Sunday) from Noon - 1pm followed by a lunch prepared for us by members of the Lions Club. Parents and families are welcome and encouraged to stay through lunch!

** Camp ends on the last day of the session at NOON. It is extremely important that arrangements are made to pick up your child/children by that time. A fee may be charged for late pick-ups.

website: <http://www.AustineGMLionsCamp.wix.com/agmlcamp>

email: GreenMtnLionsCamp@gmail.com

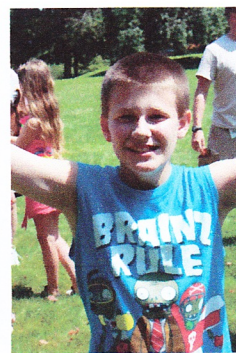
Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp 2015



What to do next...

PRE-REGISTER! This lets us know that you want your child to be a part of our camp. The pre-registration form can be found on our website or you can contact us if you would like one mailed to you! Once we receive your pre-registration, all of the required camp paperwork will be sent along with more information.

CONTACT US with any questions you may have. Check the website or shoot us an email - we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you this summer!



District 45



VT Lions

Lions Club International has 46,527 clubs around the world. Their mission is to "support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects". In doing so, they focus on four main areas: Preserving Sight, Supporting Youth, Providing Disaster Relief, and Meeting Humanitarian Needs.

The District 45 Lions of Vermont are involved in clubs all over the state. The members of these clubs are dedicated to serving their communities - that includes the Austine Green Mountain Lions Camp! Our Lions raise money for our camp and for scholarships to ensure that every camper that wants to be a part of our camp can be. They built our cabins and pavilion, provide lunches during registration days, host our fishing derbies, provide equipment and assist during our carnival, and go above and beyond from near and far!

We are so grateful for our Vermont Lions. Without them we wouldn't be able to continue our amazing camp! THANK YOU to each and every one of you who have, and who continue to, serve our state and our camp!

CONNECT

Before Camp:

PO Box 491
Bennington, VT 05201
802-442-4937

Physical Location:

130 Austine Drive
Bristol, VT 05301

(former Austine School campus)



website: <http://www.AustineGMLionsCamp.wix.com/agmlcamp>
email: GreenMtnLionsCamp@gmail.com



New England Lions Council



Annual Spring Meeting and Barbecue

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015

WARREN CONFERENCE CENTER & INN

529 CHESTNUT ST

ASHLAND, MA



MEETING—11:00 AM

BARBECUE—12 :20PM

COST: 25.00 P/P

Rooms are available. Contact the Inn directly at (508) 231-3000 or visit them on the web at

<http://www.warrencenter.com/index.cfm/page/Hotel/pid/10265>

Cut, complete and return to ; PDG Ned Merrick, 12 Appletree Dr, Plainville, MA 02762

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

District _____

attending _____

Amt Enclosed _____

Should NELC conduct a Training Seminar at the Spring Meeting ?

Yes ☐

No ☐

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE MAY 17, 2015.



Pictured are Lions Jim Lynch (left) and Lion Bob Tardie attending the Castleton Lions Mardi Gras event held Saturday, April 11th.

Lions District 45 Website <http://d45lions.com/>

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