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A Message from District Governor Walter Hastings

Dear Vermont Lions,

It seems like yesterday I was headed to Chicago for training and to be installed as District Governor. I'm not sure where the time has gone but I have enjoyed serving as your District Governor.

I have enjoyed the club visits, each club is different, but we all have the same goal "We Serve".

My year was about change which many of you witnessed at cabinet meetings. Some changes worked and some did not. We cannot be the Lions of yesterday, but need to move forward with your projects for today's generation.

We need to focus on membership which is an ongoing goal for everyone. We need to listen to their ideas and move forward. New ideas bring new membership and new leaders. With new members, we can create new exciting traditions, like our first district wide service project last November where we assembled meals to be given to local food shelves. When thinking about service projects and fundraisers be innovative!

Also, Green Mountain Camp is growing strong again, and hopefully for the future. Many thanks to the GMLC committee for all their hard work in making this a positive experience.

We are all volunteers, with different personalities. Be light on criticism and strong on praise.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as District Governor and congratulations to DGE Liz Fenwick and her team.

DG Walter

District 45 Calendar and Events

6/29 -7/3	<u>101st Lions Clubs International Convention: Las Vegas, NV</u>
6/30	<u>Readsboro Lions BBQ & town 4th of July Celebration</u>
7/1 -7/13	<u>Green Mountain Lions Camp - Teen Session</u>
7/4	Independence Day Parades
7/10	<u>Dining for a Cause - Williston Lions</u>
7/15 -7/21	<u>Green Mountain Lions Camp - Youth Session</u>
7/18	<u>Middlebury Lions Auction/BBQ on the Green</u>
7/19 – 7/22	<u>Norwich Lions 30th Annual Fair</u>
7/21	<u>44th Annual Twin State Soccer Cup</u>
7/22	<u>District organizational meeting – Readsboro</u>
7/28	<u>Barre Lions Downtown Tow-Down</u>
8/7-8/11	<u>Midd Lions Food Booth at Addison County Field Days</u>
8/18	D45 Cabinet meeting – Springfield Elk's Club
8/19	<u>Bennington Battle Day Parade</u>
8/26	<u>Orleans Lions Annual Horseshoe Tournament</u>
8/26	<u>Colchester Lions Golf Ball Drop</u>
9/1 – 9/2	<u>Bennington Garlic & Herb Festival</u>
9/8	<u>Troy & Area host - Vermont Lions Charity Bingo</u>
9/8	<u>Maple Leaf Half-Marathon</u>
9/14 -9/15	<u>Middlebury Lions food booth at the Benefit Tractor Pull</u>
9/20 - 9/22	<u>USA/Canada Forum</u>
9/24	<u>Capture The District Traveling Lion in Jericho</u>
9/29	<u>Hungry Lion Bike Tour</u>
10/6	<u>Norshaft Lions - Oktoberfest</u>
11/3	D45 Fall Conference & LCIF SuperRaffle – Colchester
1/12/2019	D45 Cabinet meeting – Barre
3/16	D45 Cabinet Meeting – Middlebury
5/2-5/4	D45 Spring Conference 2019 – in Rutland
Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the <u>Communique!</u>	

District Governor Elect Liz Fenwick writes:

Lions of D45,

We began together with our Training Day in June. My thanks to all who attended - What a great start! We have a full slate of Zone Chairs and District Officers this year who have stepped forward and are ready to serve. The next step is the Organizational Meeting in July. It is so important that we all continue to be on the same page, as we move forward. The agenda will be out after June 12th. If you can come, please reply to [CSE Anna](#) to help our host club, Readsboro Lions, plan for the day.

This is your year!

You know your communities and know their needs. You are already working to meet those needs.

Service is our Core

Service is our reason to be Lions

Service to others help us Grow

I want to encourage every member of every Club – As members of the Lions' Family to focus on:

Together We Serve

Together as a Committee

Together as a Club

Together as a Zone – supporting each other

Together as District 45 – serving our State and beyond

Our District pin shows – there are 5 puzzle pieces that hold us together in Service:

The fight against Hunger

The fight against Childhood Cancer

The fight against Diabetes

The protection of our Environment

Our continuing support for Vision and Hearing

As you look at your service activities, ask yourself:

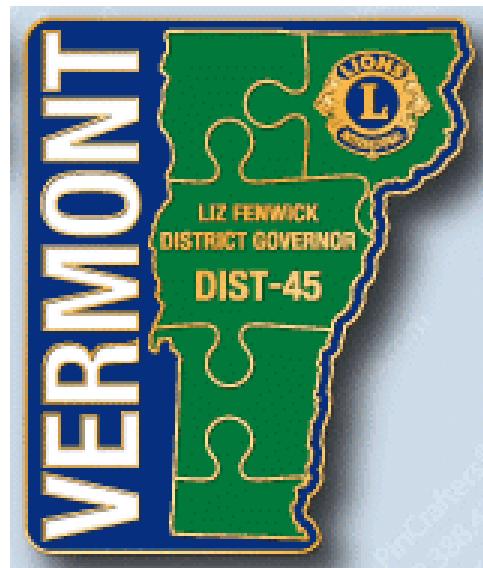
Have we worked to help in all five areas? If so –

What were the outcomes and what comes next? If

not – Work on a plan to serve. A goal without a plan
- is just a wish. Together we can work on that plan.

Again, this is YOUR year ! Together We Serve.

Yours in Lionism,
DGE Liz



Calling all D-45 Lions serving on the cabinet Organizational Meeting

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Time: Noon

Where: Readsboro Lions Park

292 Branch Hill Road

Readsboro VT 05350

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

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

Please RSVP by Friday, July 20 to:

% CSE Anna Bolognani

PO Box 104

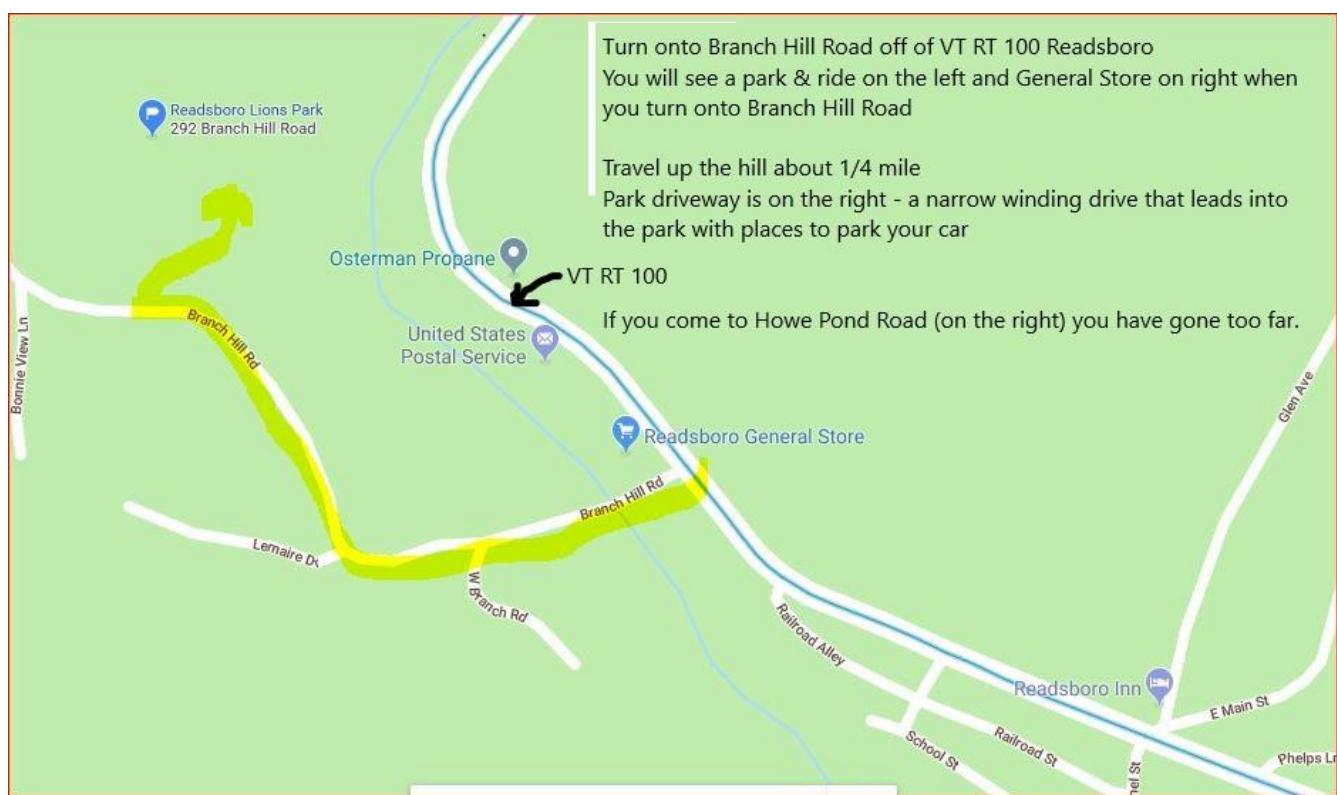
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You can also email your reply with lions park in the subject and pay at the Park if it is more convenient. rebolibrary@gmail.com

Name: _____

District Position: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____



Whitingham-Halifax Lions support for The Gathering Place brings kindness full circle for a Lion and his family

Article by Lion Patience Merriman -

For many years, Ralph Dell was an active member of the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club. He helped raise funds, walked in parades and participated in meetings. But in 2010, Ralph, a retired pediatrician and public health advocate, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Today, thanks in part to support from his Lions Club, Ralph is now a regular client at The Gathering Place's new location in West Dover. On Monday, June 4, the center hosted a special "Thank You" dinner for the Whitingham-Halifax Lions, to acknowledge the Club's financial support for the new facility.

Executive Director Maggie Lewis gave tours of the center and explained the Gathering Place's mission to the Lions. She also presented outgoing Lions president Jen Betit with a certificate of appreciation.

"What goes around comes around," said Lion Mark Hanna. "Our club made a donation to help The Gathering Place come to Dover, and now The Gathering Place is helping Ralph and other local seniors live with joy and dignity right here in the community."

According to Ralph's wife, Karen Hein, Ralph enjoyed going to the Gathering Place in Brattleboro. "But travel time to the Dover location is half what it was to go over the mountain to Brattleboro. Seeing the MOOver bus coming up our driveway makes us both smile—it means that Ralph's off for a great day of activities with participants and staff who really care, and I can do the zillion things I need and want to do as well."

The new Gathering Place location, in the old First Wok building on Route 100 in West Dover, has been extensively renovated and is now a bright, welcoming and fully-equipped facility offering a comprehensive range of programs and services for adults – everything from healthy meals and activities programs to personal grooming assistance.

Karen Hein notes that caregivers benefit just as much as clients from the services The Gathering Place provides. "Caregiving is such a big responsibility," she explains. "The Gathering Place allows both of us to live and love fully—knowing that Ralph is surrounded by kind, knowledgeable, professional caregivers during the week days, giving me time to take good care of our household ... and take care of myself as well!"



Pictured: Gathering Place Board President Andrew Loney; Karen Hein, Ralph Dell, Gathering Place Site Director Tanya Powling , Gathering Place Executive Director Maggie Lewis and Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club President Jen Betit.

LIONS "Opening Eyes" at Vermont Special Olympics Summer Games

Health professionals and volunteers from across New England gathered at the University of Vermont to provide comprehensive health screenings for children and adults with intellectual disabilities at the Special Olympics Vermont Summer Games on June 2nd. A Special Olympics partnership with the Lions Club International Foundation supported vision care for the participants. In total, 118 volunteers provided 563 health exams in one day.

At the Special Olympics Vermont Summer Games at the University of Vermont on June 2nd and 3rd, dental, vision, and hearing exams were offered to all Special Olympics athletes. Through Opening Eyes athletes have access to vision screenings. Custom glasses and sunglasses are made available as needed at no charge to the athlete.

Of the 435 athletes competing in the 2018 Special Olympics Vermont Summer Games, 242 received a dental screening and 17 of those were identified as needing urgent follow-up dental care. 153 received an audiology screening, and 168 received a vision screening. This represents a 23% increase over the previous year and an all-time record for Healthy Athletes screenings.



Lion Jackie Cote was one of over a dozen Lions volunteers. She shared her thoughts of the day in a thank you note to fellow volunteers *"Such a wonderful day with all of you and the Special Olympians again! Many thanks to Dr. Dorothy who has gotten this vision screening going again, for several years now. It is truly a wonderful and very much needed service, which anyone in attendance today could easily observe!"*

It is also such a meaningful event to me. I was at the special luncheon and meeting at the Shriver home in Maryland when Tim, his mother Eunice Kennedy Shriver, his father Sargent Shriver, and representatives of the Special Olympics organization met with the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors and Executives to announce that day that the Lions would be partnering with the Special Olympics, to provide services in the field of vision to the Olympians, especially at their events.

Before and after this luncheon, Special Olympians and others were out on the lawn playing games together, as was often done at the Shriver home. As you probably already know, Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded Special Olympics, and her son Tim has carried on. Seeing all the activity in progress today brought back so many memories of that wonderful day at the Shriver's home and seeing that newly formed Lions partnership still in action today.

When walking around for a bit, I saw one young lady whom I'd had at my table earlier which resulted in my thinking-- she'll be a candidate for some new glasses!

As I walked by her and her mom, she was sooo gleefully trying on a pair of bright green frames for her new prescription (after apparently having tried on several others), and saying to her mom with such excitement and a huge smile, "these are the ones!!" - and her mom was agreeing with her decision.

The rest of the time I was busy, but know a similar scenario must have been evident many times today. Can you imagine her comments a little later on when she actually put on those frames again WITH her new prescription in them?? And there's probably no emoji big enough for that smile!" - Lion Jackie Cote



MMU LEO Joanna (Jody) Wright honored

On June 3rd, after a fun afternoon volunteering at Special Olympics, the Mount Mansfield Union Leo Club members, along with family and friends celebrated their year of Service with a picnic. The Leo Advisor, Lion Will Wright, (Jericho-Underhill Lions Club) recapped the Leo club's yearlong accomplishments and recognized several individual members for excellence in hours volunteered to the community. Congratulations were also given to all of the MMU Leo's for what they accomplished together.



The 2018 Vermont Lions Charities Richard Dutil "We Serve" Leo Award was presented to Leo Joanna Grace Wright by Brandon-Forest Dale Lion Jackie Dutil. Leo Jody was honored for her many volunteered hours, innovative thinking leading to numerous accomplishments, and her leadership skill. Also noted was her forward thinking to train others with leadership skills; building confidence and keeping participation enjoyable and long lasting.

About the VLC Richard Dutil "We Serve" Leo Club Service Award

As an active member of the Brandon/Forest Dale Lions Club and VT District 45 for more than three decades, Rick Dutil showed dedication to his club, VT District 45, and his community through countless hours of and acts of service to others.

At the time of his death, Lion Rick was President of Vermont Lions Charities. Donations were received from family, friends, and lion's club members throughout VT in his memory, establishing an annual \$2,000 "We Serve" Leo Award in his honor.

To qualify as a possible recipient, a graduating Senior Leo Club member shall have demonstrated a similar history of personal commitment of service to their community, and been an active member of their Leo Club for more than one year.

Lions Striders hit one out of the park for Diabetes

June 22nd and 23rd the Lions Striders team competed in the 8th annual SLAM T1D Vermont Summer Classic Wiffleball tournament held at Little Fenway in Essex Vermont. SLAM T1D is a non-profit that raises funds to improve the lives of people living with T1D (Type One Diabetes). They accomplish this by partnering with the Barton Center for Diabetes Education to host the Vermont Overnight Camp. They also work to broaden public awareness of diabetes and seek to empower T1Ds of all ages to advocate for themselves, develop optimal T1D-management regimens, and to live life in full.

Middlebury Lions Paul Desabrais, Jesse Gillette, and Don Welch led our club's team effort, joined by PDG Ken Emery and a great group of volunteer players who just wanted to have fun and play ball. The odds on the Lions Striders had us ranked 8th prior to start of the tournament. No one was more surprised than the team when we found ourselves placing second overall in the Championship game.

The real winners are the kids who will benefit from our fundraising efforts. The Lions Striders were able to donate \$4,385 to SLAM T1D and we thank all those Lions and Lions Clubs who stepped forward to donate. The 14 teams donated a combined \$72,035 to SLAM T1D. That's a lot of kids attending camp and a lot of services provided to area diabetics.

The experience itself was rewarding. We had a chance to meet and compete with Cayden and his team, the "Fighting Wifflers". Cayden was diagnosed with T1D when he was only 2 years old. He is now 8!



The Breaking Ballers team was formed by Carrie Ashley "My 18 yr old son Eli (on right), was diagnosed with T1D on his 5th birthday. Eli has never known what it's like to be at school, play sports, work or be with friends without worrying about his T1D. It is a relentless, non-stop 24/7 disease that never takes a break. Let's improve the lives of all children and adults living with T1D by raising awareness. As our children grow up and become independent, they should feel safe, whether it's at college, at a job or anywhere, awareness can save lives!"

Jack Carney, captain of the "Purple Pumpers" team has been living with T1D since he was a child. The Pumpers were the odds on favorites of the weekend having won the tournament for the last two years running.



The Champions of the day were “The Garage” lead by Liam O’Farrell. He and his daughter are true champions living with T1D every day. Here are his own words: “Living with type 1 diabetes is extremely challenging. The disease is relentless, requiring constant 24/7 monitoring of your blood sugar, your insulin doses, your activity level and your food intake. You NEVER get a day off. I know....because I have been living with this chronic illness for 37 years now. 3 years ago, my daughter Maggie was also diagnosed with type 1. Now she is having to learn how to manage this disease.



I am passionate about connecting with children and adults who live with type 1 diabetes, so that I may be fortunate enough to share with them what I have learned over the past 37 years. If I help even one child or young adult improve their ability to manage this relentless disease, then I have succeeded!”

There were plenty of Lions in attendance to cheer us on and enjoy the day. The entire event was so enjoyable that Lions Paul and Jesse are already discussing how we can improve our fundraising and our batting average for next year. “Last Tuesday our roster was just Jesse and I, placing 2nd wasn’t even a thought” said Lion Paul.

Striders Team Roster: Lion Paul Desabrais; PDG Ken Emery; Lion Jesse Gillette; Jordan Broughton; Carsyn Buxton; Lilah Desabrais; Charlie Desjadon; Makayla Foster; Derek Gero; Kate Moyer; Kevin O’Rourke; Justin Raymond; David Roy; Loriann Roy; Chelsea Trombley; Amanda Warren; Brent Warren.



Chelsea (above) was a guaranteed base earner and outstanding fielder. Charlie (at bat) had wings in the outfield and many awesome diving catches.

(Above) Middlebury King Lion and co-captain Paul Desabrais shared pitching duty.



Justin Raymond (above at bat) played third and had the guns to make first reliably. His game play was incredible.

Makayla Foster (upper left) steaming into first while base coach and co-captain Jesse Gillette watches for opportunity.

PDG Ken (Left) about to test Fenway's Green Monster

Striders pose for a shot with Champion team "The Garage"



D 45: Together We Serve

(snippets from service activity reports)

BARRE: turned in over 3,000 glasses collected over a number of months/years

BENNINGTON: received a number of donations for the Campaign for Sight and sent thank you letters. The club provided 7 pairs of glasses and a hearing aid. They also collected eyeglasses and held their normal monthly meetings.

BRATTLEBORO: Lions spent hours collecting glasses from their drop-off boxes.

CASTLETON: Lions made a donation to the Castleton Fire Department for rescue equipment. They made a donation to the Poultney National History Day Team. This team will be representing Vermont at National History Day in College Park, Maryland. There are two high school students and two elementary students all from Poultney on the team. The club also donated to the annual Celebration of the Young Child event for local preschool children.

COLCHESTER: lions donated time at the Colchester Food Shelf. Lions screened applicants for the VLC Eyeglass Assistance program. The club collected and additional 370 pair of glasses to be turned in for recycling. The club's walking club continues to make laps. Club members made a visitation to the Richmond club 5/28. Lions performed KidSight screening of 430 kids at three locations. Lions volunteered with Meals on Wheels; reviewing scholarship applications; working on club scrapbook; and Green Up day efforts. Regular meetings and spring convention.

ENOSBURG FALLS: reports the purchase of glasses for 1 area resident. The club's King Lion and secretary and their spouses attended the District 45 Spring Convention. Lion Kathy Stetson was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Melvin Jones luncheon (An AWESOME annual event).

ESSEX JUNCTION: Lions volunteered hours with the Essex Community Historical Society; Daughters of 1812; Hospice; Heavenly food pantry; bread delivery to seniors; guardian ad litem; congregational church quilt sales; Daughters of the American Revolution; Vermont Chapter Of New England Women; Chittenden County Historical Society; Vermont Mayflower Society . The club built a float and the Colchester lion joined us to march in the Memorial Day parade and hand out necklaces to seniors. The club prepped and Painted at Camp Takumta children's



cancer camp. Lions helped the community green-up by handing out trash bags to community members. The club served dinner at the Essex Eats Out community meal, and sold raffle tickets at the Craft Show.



Essex Lions always honor their Peace Poster Contest winners at the school's end of year assembly. Pictured below are Essex Junction Lions Peace Poster Contest Co-Chairs, Lions Doris Maynard and Betsy MaGee with Albert D. Lawton Art Teacher Tina Logan. First place - Peyton Ashe - \$100,(right) Second Place - Nina Carmolli, \$75 (middle) and Third place - Noa Kreiter -\$50. (left).

GRANVILLE: Lions were moved by the Spring Convention guest speaker's presentation. Ms. Ann Thomas discussed her life as a profoundly deaf individual, and her work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

HEARTLAND: Lions were able to work with the family & VLC to help fund a 7 year old with diabetes to summer camp. Due to severe diabetes this youth could not attend regular summer camp and wanted to attend, so with VLC and family we were able to help make this possible. The family said the youth was so excited he was packing and ready for camp which is July 6-13. It was a great feeling to have Lions come together to help this family. Camp for diabetes is located in South Hero VT. Family is very appreciative of what Lions has done for them to make this possible. It was also very touching to work with the family and to be able to tell them YES the Lions can help you out. Heartland Lions also donated meals to the local food shelf and had a guest speaker at a recent meeting that came to speak on school consolidation, Act 46, which is affecting the State of Vermont..

JERICHO-UNDERHILL: Lion Loreen cooked a potato salad and helped the XYZ Seniors with their dinners. Lion Loreen assisted the Westford Seniors with their dinner. Lion Marge Alden prepared a couple of dishes in preparation for our business/dinner

supper. Lions Kendal Holden, Dave Crane, Mike Willard, Gerry Adams, Dave Williamson and Russ Rexford cleaned and applied an epoxy finish to the Pavilion floor to make it safe in rain and winter. The pavilion was our club's project back in the early 2000's. For some reason the cement floor had been left with a smooth finish making it slippery. We fixed that. Lion Dave Crane led groups of people through the Shelburne Farms complex on Thursdays through the month.

LONDONDERRY AREA TRI MOUNTAIN: Lions volunteer time with "driving miss daisy" a local service which transports seniors to the monthly senior luncheon, and return them home usually, after letting them go to the grocery store.... 3 members also baked treats to go home with the seniors after the monthly luncheon.

MANCHESTER: Our Lions club has built and kept repaired at least a dozen birdhouses at our Rec Center. The local grade school is going to take over the project and repair the bird houses. We donated for the materials. The club donated to a golf tournament (sponsored by Bart Center for Adaptive Sports) honoring and including Veterans who have disabilities and who are playing golf. We conducted a KidSight vision screening for the 85 kids in the Danby, VT school system.

MARBLE VALLEY: scholarships were awarded to six (6) college students who are enrolled in healthcare career studies.

MIDDLEBURY: Club secretary prepared and sent letters to all members advising them that membership dues need to be paid by June 30, 2018. Lots of Auction and Barbeque preps. New this year we had a member volunteer to hold a garage sale and donate the proceeds to the admin fund...made over \$1,500 from STUFF that needed to find a home. The Club once again participated in Middlebury Memorial Day Parade. This year the horse was in a hurry and we all lost weight trying to keep up!. Donations for the month: Checks were presented to HOPE; WomenSafe; Porter Express Care; Addison County Field Days for the Jim Foster Jr. Welcome Center; MiddSummer Lunch and Recreation; Addison County Readers; CVOEO. Twelve Lions were contracted to serve Breakfast to approximately 700 runners and guests at the Annual Middlebury Maple Run and Half Marathon. The club distributed 150 sugar maple trees to the fourth graders in Addison County School District. We had our annual awards night and officer induction and also welcomed two new members. We participated in the GMLC cleanup day and fielded a team at the SLAM T1D tournament where we placed second.

PITTSFORD: Lions donated 30 arbor day trees to Lothrop Elementary School.

RICHFORD: donated to the Green Mountain Lions Camp

VALLEY LIONS CLUB: Organized a five town celebration with a pig roast potluck and entertainment for Vermont Green Up Day on Saturday, May 5, 2018 in collaboration with the West River Valley Thrives and Community, Hope and Action group.

VERGENNES: participated in the Memorial Day Parade and sold popcorn, flags, balloons, and bake goods. Their annual car raffle was drawn after the parade. The graduating Senior Class President from Vergennes High School spoke to our members

regarding the Project Grad program to keep our students safe at their grad party. Vergennes Lions made a donation to Vergennes Bixby Library. 11 Lions helped serve 244 people at the Community Dinner at St Peters Church. Members also volunteered at the library identifying artifacts at the Vergennes Library and moving them to storage area of library May 4, 7,9,17, & 29th. Members from Vergennes Special Olympics attended our Business meeting and shared their program with our members.

WILLISTON AREA: Eyeglasses boxed, labeled, and prepared for delivery to D45 for recycling. Lions members volunteered to assist at the Flynn Theater with Registration of Home School Students for the school district. Lions helped with the American Red Cross Blood Drive. Lions also donated time to the Essex Senior Center.

WINDSOR: The club set up along the Hartford I-91 southbound rest area to give out snacks to the travelers stopping at the rest area. We ask for a donation for the snacks taken. The club collected food for our local food shelf. Over the three hours, we collected moneys for the food shelf as well as over 200 pounds of non perishable food and non food products. The club also purchased one pair of eyeglasses for a community member.

BY THE WAY: PDG Ken Emery was elected as President of the New England Council at their Spring meeting at Windsor Locks , Conn (May 20th) This is a great honor for D45 and strengthens the links between D45 and the Lions of Conn., Mass, NH , Rhode Island and Maine.

No report from your Club? Ask you secretary to file a monthly service activity report, or email your items to Communique@vermontlions.org

The Arlington Lions had a great time hosting (and competing) in the first annual Redneck Warrior - **Lions Den Challenge**. We had a great turnout even with the uncooperative weather. We have plenty of plans on how to make the event even bigger and better for the future. Stay tuned to our [Facebook page](#) for updates on next year's event.







Norwich Lions Club cookout on the Green

Story by Lion Demo Sofronas:

The Norwich Women's Club sponsored a June 17 Concert on the Norwich Green with the Brian Cook Band. Those that attended this concert were treated to free burgers, sausages, hot dogs, turkey dogs and veggie burgers – all prepared by the Norwich Lions Club. The following members and friends helped with this event: King Lion Warren Thayer, Phil Wheeler, Donna Wheeler, Gary De Gasta, Fran De Gasta, Jay van Arman, Brion Mc Mullan, Steve Flanders, Sean and Barbara Kenny, Jim Eakin, Nicole Vecchi, Peter Stanzal, Demo Sofronas, and Norwich Fire Chief Alex Northern.

Photo credits go to Steve Flanders and Gary De Gasta.



Demo Sofronas, and Norwich Fire Chief Alex Northern cooking up a storm under the watchful eye of King Lion Warren Thayer



Barbara Kenny, and Nicole Vecchi organizing the food line and Demo re-stocking the veggie burgers



And here they come for some great food



The crowd makes their way to the bandstand

Lions Work Day at Green Mountain Lions Camp

6/9/18

48 Lions traveled to Cabot Vermont to spruce up the home of the Green Mountain Lions Camp. It's an annual event that helps us keep our facility rent extremely reasonable. The facility is owned and maintained by the Covenant Hills Campground board of Directors, and indirectly by the United Methodist Church. Each year we Lions get the entire facility (which could easily house 120 persons) for a whole month. A big THANK YOU to the 48 Lions who came out and helped us pay the rent for another year.

The Green Mountain Lions Camp has brought together Deaf and Hard of Hearing kids and teens from all over New England and beyond for over 30 years. 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. The 2018 Green Mountain Lions Camp opens its doors again for counselor orientation on June 27th. On July 1st the two week teen session begins, followed by the one week Youth session. Learn more about the camp at <http://greenmtnlionscamp.wixsite.com/gmlcamp>.



Lions are welcome to visit us at camp at any time. The kids love visitors and we can always use a hand. We encourage groups of Lions who would like to join us to let us know first so that we can ensure we have food for everyone, or are prepared for special sporting challenges. Please email us at greenmtnlionscamp@gmail.com to let us know you are headed our way. The phone # at camp is (802) 426-3340.

