



# The Communiqué



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## A Message from District Governor Pam Nichols

As I sit here composing my final letter, I am profoundly grateful that I had the opportunity to serve with so many amazing Lions. Never did I think I would enjoy my DG year so much. Your kindness to me is something I will never forget.

So many things have happened this year, some good, some bad.

But so many of you just quietly to

your lions work, day after day. It would be so wonderful if you would share more with the District, let us in on it so we can come to your events. I know I would love it.

Please come and help us celebrate the new club in Londonderry. June 18th at 1 pm at the Landgrove Inn, Landgrove, VT. Each club President and Secretary has been sent the invite. Please print it, pass it along and encourage attendance. They are a great group of people. You should really get to know them. They also need you to teach them and help them and show them the Lions way.

Been a pleasure to Serve D -45

Signing off (ALMOST),

Yours in service,

DG Pam



# DISTRICT 45

## Calendar

### June 2016

4	Special Olympics Vision Screening - UVM 9:30am-3pm
12	Calcutta - To benefit Relay for Life - Sugar House Bar & Grill, South Burlington
17-18	Relay for Life - Champlain Valley Expo - Team Jeremy
18	Tri-Mountain Lions Club Charter Party 1pm Landgrove Inn
20	Deadline to submit items for Communique

### July 2016

20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique
21-24	28th Annual Norwich Fair

### August 2016

20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique
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### September 2016

10	Make A Wish Maple Leaf Half Marathon, Kotler 5k and Walk for Wishes - Manchester, VT
20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique

### October 2015

15	Bowl in the Dark! A fundraiser for The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired - Brattleboro, VT
20	Deadline to submit items for the Communique

# **D-45 LCIF Donation Reminder**

***DON'T FORGET LCIF***

***Fellow Lions:***

***As we close another successful year in Lionism, please take a moment to examine your club budget for your donation to our association's foundation, LCIF. With severe fires in our neighboring Alberta, and disasters around the world; Lions have always been there to step up to the plate offering help through our Foundation.***

***As of this date, very few clubs within our district have participated. Whether it is \$100 or \$1000 – every contribution helps. District 45's goal of \$22,000 has only received approximately \$14,000. Please if your club has not yet donated, it is not too late. Send your donation to LCIF – 300 22<sup>nd</sup> St – Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842. Be sure your club name and District 45 is on your information***

***IT IS OUR FOUNDATION – BE PROUD WE HAVE THE POWER TO PROVIDE.***

***Yours in Lionism,***

***PID Tom Broughton  
LCIF Chairman***

**You're invited  
to celebrate...**

## **OUR CHARTER PARTY**

**Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions Club**

**June 18, 2016 at 1PM**

**\$28.00 per person- # attending\_\_\_\_\_**

**The Landgrove Inn,  
132 Landgrove Rd,  
Landgrove, VT 05148**

**RSVP to: Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions Club  
PO Box 401  
Londonderry, VT 05148**







## Lions Twin State Soccer Association, Inc.

Try-outs are over and the teams of High School Senior Soccer men and women are in the process of being established. It looks like schools all over the two states will be represented. Sponsorship and Ad letters are in the mail. There may be a player in your town that you would like to sponsor. You could invite that player to speak at a club meeting to tell you about the experience of being on the LTSSA team.

LTSSA Directors are as follows:

Year	44N	44H	45
2016	Brent Crowder Richard Gray PDG Alan Ricard	Jerry Vaccaro Marilyn Vaccaro Ann Mason	PDG Ken Millay David LaRose Bruce Savery PDG Betsy Magee Donald Lane
2017	Tom Royce, IPP PDG Don Potter PCC Tom Geno, VP	Jeri Maynard Open Open	John Sprague PDG Stanley, Patch, Jr. Odillon LaRoche Rick Bingham Debbie Ankuda
2018	PDG Henry McKee Ray Dodge Cheryl Powers	Paul Pearsall (44N) Open Open	Robert Brault Pat Ankuda Open Open Open

We would like to fill all the open spaces with dedicated Lions who are interested in serving on the board. All Lions are welcomed, and if you would like to attend a meeting you should make reservations by contacting Director Cheryl Powers at [LionCherylPwrs@aol.com](mailto:LionCherylPwrs@aol.com) or by phone at 603 768-3617 by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Below is the meeting schedule of 2015-2016 Lion year.

**Meeting Schedule:**

Wednesday, January 27, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, February 25, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 03, 2016: Players Banquet, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 9:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, April 27, 2016: Executive Board, 68 Jack Wells Road, Danbury @ 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, May 25, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, June 29, 2016: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, July 14-16, 2016: LTSSA Soccer Camp, Castleton State College, Vermont  
 Saturday, July 16, 2016: Directors meeting, Castleton State College, Vermont  
 Saturday, July 16, 2016: LTSSA Soccer Game, Castleton State College, Vermont

*"Soccer for Sight and Hearing"*

# Opening Eyes at Special Olympics

Dear Fellow Vermont Lions of District 45,

On behalf of PDG Betsy MaGee of the Essex Junction Lions Club and myself, want to bring your attention to a special program that is getting a 'restart' here in Vermont: Opening Eyes at Special Olympics.

I know this was a special program that was previously led by Lion Rusty Bernal of the Norwich Lions Club (thanks Lion Rusty) that somewhat stopped. Dr. Dorothy Brodmann, former member of the Lamoille Valley Lion Club and Burlington Lions Club has taken the lead on restarting this program and is looking for help from all Vermont Lions.

The following is her message. The date is Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact PDG Betsy at 802-578-8188 or [lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com) or myself at 802-578-7483 or [kpemery1960@gmail.com](mailto:kpemery1960@gmail.com)

In Lionism,

IPDG Ken Emery

*Dear Lions Clubs*

*As you know, the AOA has taken an affirmative role in promoting quality eye care for the people with intellectual disability. Special Olympics International's vision program "Opening Eyes" is a comprehensive vision and eye health program put on by Special Olympics in conjunction with the AOA.*

*The mission of "Special Olympic Opening Eyes" Vision and Eye Health Program is to provide quality eye health care to Special Olympic athletes, assess the integrity of the athlete's visual system as well as visual acuity, to prescribe and dispense appropriate prescription and safety eye wear, to educate the athletes, parents, coaches and doctors about the importance of the visual system for sports, education and vocational performance, and to gather and publish data regarding vision, visual skills and eye health of the Special Olympic population. It is our goal to eventually have a screening at every state games around the country.*

*The screenings consist of visual acuities, color vision, retinoscopy, ophthalmoscopy, color vision, depth perception, cover test, motilities, biomicroscopy, tonometry, and auto refraction. Any athlete failing the screening is then given a complete eye exam on site, and prescriptions for regular and sport goggles are then fabricated and given free to the athletes.*

*The Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes screenings are an invaluable learning and growing experience. Not only will it give lions a unique opportunity to examine hundreds of patients, but it will permanently alter their views and attitudes towards people with intellectual disability. We hope to have as many volunteers as possible. Every volunteer who has participated in the past screenings have felt it to be a rewarding experience.*

*We would like to inform you that the next vision screening will be taking place at UVM June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 9:30am to 3pm. We want to thank you for your cooperation in making the "Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes" Vision program for athletes with intellectual disability a success.*

Sincerely

Dr. Dorothy Brodmann  
Vermont Clinical Director  
"Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes"  
[drbrodmann@gmail.com](mailto:drbrodmann@gmail.com)

# **Relay for Life - Team Jeremy**

Dear Fellow Lions,

As we shared at the March 31 Zone 1A/1B meeting, we are happy to be back in the Colchester Lions Club. Sadly, as many of you may already know, in the time since we were previously Lions, our family suffered a tremendous tragedy. Our son/brother, Jeremy, died very suddenly and unexpectedly on January 2, 2015. A blood clot stopped his loving, caring heart. It was discovered after he died that there was cancer in his body. He was a very healthy and happy person right up until the very end. Jeremy was the kind of person who always put others first. He truly loved being a Lion. He lived every second of his life to the fullest, and because of this, we have rallied around the phrase "Embrace the 22" since he truly embraced his 22 years of life.

In honor of Jeremy, we have formed a team for the Relay for Life, Team Jeremy. We will be participating in the Chittenden County event on June 17 & 18 at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction. It begins at 6:00pm. We welcome any Lions who would like to come walk with us. The link to register is below.

Team Jeremy is also hosting a Calcutta on June 12, at the Sugarhouse Bar & Grill in South Burlington to raise money for Relay for Life. We have attached the flyer for the Calcutta below with all the information.

We are determined to make Jeremy proud and raise as much money as possible. We would truly appreciate any contributions of any amount.

Thank you so much,  
The Boquet Family – Gina, John, Jenny, & Brad  
PO Box 556  
Hinesburg, VT 05461

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/TeamJeremy>



\$3500 Minimum Grand Prize!  
**CALCUTTA**



**June 12, 2016**

100% OF NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE  
**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
OF CHITTENDEN COUNTY

**Sugar House  
Bar & Grill**

733 Queen City Park Rd  
South Burlington, VT

Doors Open @ 3 pm  
First Ball Drawn @ 4 pm

**\$100 Per Ball**

**\$20 Insurance** (Available at time of purchase)

Insurance gives you a second chance after your ball is drawn



**Dinner Included w/Ball**

**Lots of  
Silent Auction Items  
& Raffle Prizes!!**

Please Contact Us For Tickets & More Information

[TeamJeremy@hotmail.com](mailto:TeamJeremy@hotmail.com)

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/TeamJeremy>



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**TEAM JEREMY**

Our team was formed in memory of Jeremy.  
He died unexpectedly at age 22 on January 2, 2015  
when a blood clot stopped his giving heart. Upon his  
death, cancer was discovered.

# THE NORWICH FAIR

Mark your calendars! **The 28th Annual Norwich Fair**, sponsored by the Norwich Lions Club (NLC), will be held from **Thursday July 21 through Sunday July 24th**.

## **Fair hours of operation:**

Thursday July 21 from 6-10 pm, Friday July 22 from 5-10 pm, Saturday July 23 from 11-10 pm and Sunday July 24th from noon to 5 pm.

**Good Food, Super Rides, Fire Works, and much more**--fun for the entire family, young and old and those in between!

**Non-profit organizations or crafter** can be allocated one of the ten (10) FREE 10 x 10 spaces. Participants are required to complete an application form. No political materials or advertising is permitted.

**Posters and handout materials** on Norwich Fair events, activities, rides and games will be forthcoming as the Norwich Fair dates approach.

**District 45 and Zone 3AB Lions interested in assisting** the NLC with the Fair, e.g., hospitality tent, dunk tank and Pig Roast, etc., or for those interested in securing further information, should contact:

**Lion Joyce Childs, Immediate Past President**

**Norwich Lions Club (NLC)**

**Email: [Childsej@aol.com](mailto:Childsej@aol.com)**

**Telephone: 802-649-1614**





# D-45 Centennial Coordinator's Corner

## Centennial Service Challenge

For nearly 100 years, Lions have changed lives in their communities and around the world. In celebration of our Centennial in 2017, Lions everywhere are being challenged to serve 100 million people. You're invited to join the celebration by helping us reach our goal. Your club can earn special Centennial recognition by hosting a service project that benefits Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this historic event—start planning your next Centennial Service Challenge event today!



## Centennial Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special *Limited Edition* awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs.



## Centennial Community Legacy Projects

Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

## **Want to enjoy great food and have it earn \$\$s for Vermont Lions Charities????**

Schwan's Home Delivery allows Vermont Lions Charities to earn money for every order that references our \$\$\$ for Sight and Sound program:

From April 1 to May 15 (first 45 days) VLC will receive 20% of all sales and 40% of all electronic gift cards (\$25 each) that are purchased.

From May 16th to August 14th, Vermont Lions Charities will receive 5% of all sales.

This year's fundraiser title is "\$\$\$ for Sight and Sound 2016".

Schwan's Home Delivery has over 300 frozen treats for delivery. They have fabulous meats, vegetables, deserts, meals and of course ICE CREAM. They have home bases throughout the state 'to serve' our Vermont Lions BUT this program is not just for Vermonters. Anyone can support \$\$\$ for Sight and Sound regardless where they live.

Go to [www. Schwans.com](http://www.Schwans.com). At the second step in checking out you'll have the option of selecting \$\$\$ for Sight and Sound.

Enjoy! And Thanks for Vermont Lions Charities.

## **Vision Screening Equipment Available**

The consortium of the Arlington, Bennington and NorShaft clubs have completed screening all available children in our area – 2,902 children at 29 sites!

The equipment is now available to move on to another club. If your club is interested in taking on this project, please contact Phylis Porio @ 802-442-0380 or [norshaftlions@aol.com](mailto:norshaftlions@aol.com).

We'll be happy to come train your club.

It's been a great experience with some wonderful feedback from very appreciative parents. Every club should consider taking on a Vision Screening Project for their area.





# Saturday September 10, 2016

Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park  
340 Rec Park Road  
Manchester Center, Vermont 05255

8am start

Half-Marathon, 5K and Walk for Wishes

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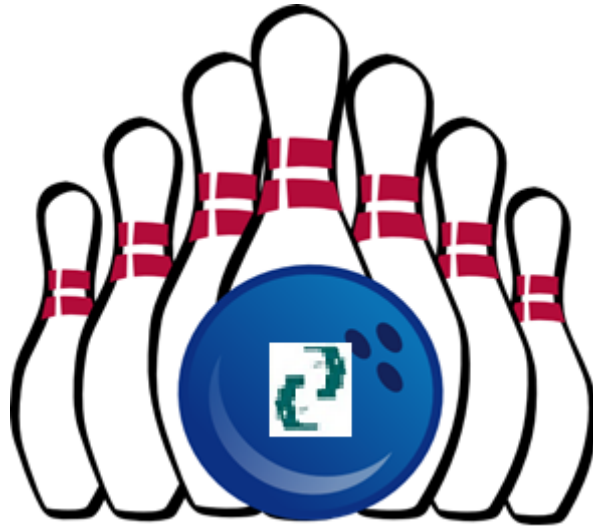


Scan here to visit our website!



Runners, Walkers and Spectators Welcome!  
Visit our website for more information and to register.

TO ALL LIONS!!  
COME BOWL WITH US IN THE DARK!



Celebrating 90 years of helping Vermonters to  
Achieve Independence in a Visual World!  
**The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

WHEN: Saturday October 15, 2016

WHERE: Brattleboro Bowl in Brattleboro, VT

INDIVIDUAL: \$50 per bowler, teams of 5

SPARE SPONSOR: \$500

LANE SPONSOR: \$100

Assemble a team or sponsor a lane, and pit your skills against other players without any sight! Each team will consist of 4 blindfolded players and one player not occluded who can assist in guiding teammates up to the lane.

All proceeds will go to help the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired continue to provide rehabilitation services to visually impaired Vermonters of all ages. Your participation will be both fun and greatly appreciated.

Questions - Call Andrea Evey 1-877-350-8840 or email [aevey@vabvi.org](mailto:aevey@vabvi.org)

# **Club News**

## **Memorial Day**



**Lion Dave LaRose**



**Essex Jct. Lions Dianne Brochu, Linda Stone,  
Colchester Lions Carmelita Belisle and  
Linda Eastman**



**Essex Jct. Lions Dave LaRose, Linda McNulty and  
her granddaughter McKinley**



# Club News

## A Walk For Sight





# A Walk For Sight



We had walkers from White River Junction, Springfield, Strafford and Heartland Lion's Club along with some friends to help us at the Vermont Lion's Charities Walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 14 in Tunbridge. We had 16 walkers that walked 79 miles. Thanks to everyone for their time and donations to this great event and a special thanks to Lion Jackie Dutil for organizing!

Here are highlights from the day:



1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Walter Hastings, DGE Joe Wilson & Lion George Lauzon with a grand finish!



# A Walk For Sight



# **Club News**

## **NorShaft Lions Celebrate over 60 Years of Service**

At their meeting on May 3, the NorShaft Lions Club celebrated the founding of their Club in 1953. Starting out with 21 members, today the Club has grown to around 70 members, who are highly involved in their local community, Vermont Lions and Lions International.

The Club still has three of the original Charter members living in the area. They are Bruce Lavigne, Joe Hall and John Armstrong. Bruce, who is still a lifetime member of the club, has been an inspiring presence at NorShaft for the last 63 years. It was quite a celebration to share stories and meet old friends during the evening. The original charter was on display.

In the presence of 46 members of the Club and Guests, the NorShaft Lions honored Marlene Driscoll as their Citizen of the Year for her work in rejuvenating Lake Paran and all her work in the Community. This is a presentation that is done each year to recognize individuals who make an on-going contribution to North Bennington and Shaftsbury.

The presentation of the Melvin Jones Award was made to Lion Arla Sampsell during the meeting as well. She joined 14 other members of the Club who have also been recognized for their years of commitment to serving their communities.

This year the NorShaft Lions have screened the vision of over 2,900 students, conducted diabetes screenings, provided eyeglasses and hearing aids to the needy, worked on the new sod and clay for the Little League field at Howard Park, provided a security camera system for Howard Park, hosted the Shaftsbury Christmas Tree Lighting and the North Bennington Halloween Parade, sponsored the Poster Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Shaftsbury Elementary and the Village School of North Bennington, as well as the Speak Out Contest for high school juniors and seniors, bought Christmas presents for needy children, provide sand to senior citizens for their winter walkways, and will be providing five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.

The NorShaft Lions continue to grow and be involved in the communities of North Bennington and Shaftsbury trying to meet

# **Club News-NorShaft Con't**

the needs of their neighbors. Anyone interested in joining the Lions should call 442-0380 or email [norshaftlions@aol.com](mailto:norshaftlions@aol.com).



## **Club News-Arlington**



Jack and Celeste McCartney, Judy and Nick Monte, and Ken Monte

### **Arlington Lions Induct Three New Members**

The Arlington Lions Club recently inducted Celeste and Jack McCartney, and Ken Monte into the Club. "With over 60 years of service to the Arlington community and surrounding area, it's nice to see the Club continue to attract new members" said Nick Monte, President.

During the past year, the Arlington Lions have provided the Christmas lights for the town green, conducted vision screening of the children in Fisher Elementary and the Arlington Middle and High School, provided eye-glasses and hearing aids for those in need, sponsored the pool and pavilion in the Arlington Rec Park, and will confer two scholarships to graduating Arlington seniors.

The Club welcomes new members and visitors. Contact Nick Monte (375-6037) for times and dates of the meetings or for more information.



# Club News

## Brandon Forest Dale Adopts a Park



Brandon Forest Dale Lions Gary, Jackie, Connie and Mary clean Crescent Park on Rt. 7 in Brandon in preparation for planting flowers. The club is adopting the park and beautifying it as part of Lion's centennial celebration.



Look who's famous!

# **Club News**



Thursday May 19th, Troy and Area Lions Bingo.

IPDG Ken Emery presenting to Lion Connie LaPlume a Melvin Jones Fellow Progressive award for her dedicated service to the Troy and Area Lions Club and local communities.

# Editor's Corner

## **A note from the Editor:**

Please follow these simple steps to ensure that your information will be properly included in the Communiqué.

**1st:** When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put '**For Communiqué**' in the subject line of the email. Emails to [communiqued45lions.com](mailto:communiqued45lions.com) are received by several Lions and we need to be sure that it is directed properly.

**2nd:** 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 (and a shameless plug!):** (Who)The Manchester Lions Club will be hosting (What) the Maple Leaf Half Marathon, a Top Ten Fall Event, on (When) Saturday September 10, 2016 (Where)The event begins at ends at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, 340 Rec Park Road, Manchester, Vermont. (Why)Monies raised from the event are donated back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations. (How) For more information or to register please visit our website at [www.manchestervtmapleleaf.com](http://www.manchestervtmapleleaf.com)

**3rd:** 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. I'll get it on the calendar and begin promoting it for you.

**Lastly:** Please submit items in one of the following formats: PDF, Word, or JPEG. Requests written into the body of an email require additional formatting in InDesign (the Adobe program being used to create the Communiqué each month). Please help me get the Communiqué posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format.

**All information/photos MUST be received by the 20th of each month.**