

## ***The Communique***

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Hello Lions,

Wow! That was fast! Here we are friends! Welcome to the new district 45 lion's year .

So proud of all of you for adapting to accomplish your goals and serve others Zoom meeting. Zoom Trainings. I am so very proud of you all ! I was a bit disappointed in the number of people who took part in the online training available to you all , I was hoping that we could really get more people trained. Training makes the job easier, quicker. Less cumbersome to accomplish.

Even my second time around as DG. I have had a lot of new training hey and I even learned some new things. When we stop learning we stop adapting to our everyday life.

This year will be different although the governor has lifted a lot of restrictions on us we will still need to be prepared to address the virus, please do not come to a meeting if you are not feeling well.

As of now we have lifted to 25 person limit to the organizational meeting on July 12th. Registration form is in the communiqué please DO NOT Wait to register. I have a bunch of food to buy. Numbers are important. so we have enough food, we also can have our Cabinet meetings. That is exciting for us all!

I for one have missed you , I have missed our meetings cannot wait to see you all.

Do not forget we are all in this together!

Hope to see you all soon.

*DG Pam*

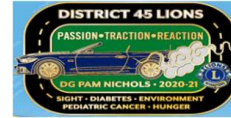
## District 45 Calendar

7/12/2020	Organizational Meeting, Dorset VT
8/30/2020	Summer Cabinet Meeting, Manchester, VT
11/1/2020	Fall Cabinet Meeting, Rutland, VT
1/9/2021	Winter Cabinet Meeting, Barre, VT
3/6/2021	Spring Cabinet Meeting, Essex, VT
3/6/2021	LCIF Super Raffle, Essex, VT
5/7-5/9/2021	2021 Spring Convention, Manchester, VT
	<b>Don't see your club's activity listed?</b> <b>Email it to the <a href="#">Communique</a>!</b>



Come and join DG Pam Nichols for weekly chats  
on Facebook  
Mondays, 7:30pm  
Vermont District 45 Lions





# VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 TO ALL LIONS

## 2020-2021 Organizational Meeting

**Sunday July 12, 2020**

Time: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

LOCATION: District Governor Pam's Dorset Home  
1013 Route 30, Dorset, Vermont 05251

Registration: \$15.00 per person

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE Monday July 6, 2020**

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

District Leadership team, Past District Governors, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Club Membership Chairs, Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions and all Lions in District 45 who want to learn more about our clubs and our district and the future Plans for 2020-2021

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Position: \_\_\_\_\_

District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS July 6, 2020**

Mail to: CST PDG Bob Wilcox, P.O. Box 321, Shaftsbury, Vermont 05262

Cell: 802-379-2600 **OR** email to: [wilcoxrw@aol.com](mailto:wilcoxrw@aol.com)

Please bring a folding chair or lawn chair and a face covering

Register early—at this time, we can only have a group of 25 or less



## **District 45 Year-end Meeting June 28, 2020**

On Sunday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup> approximately 45 – 50 District 45 Lions gathered on ‘Zoom’ whether via their computers, cell phones or regular phones to enjoy one last celebration of the 2019 – 2020 Lions year for District 45.

Reports were presented from the various zones of the District and from all of the District 45 cabinet members. I would like to say ‘thank you’ to everyone, especially my Zone Chairs and Cabinet Chairs for a fantastic year. Looking forward to your leadership skills in the District in future years.

We also heard some inspirational words from PID Joyce Middleton who gave us an updated on what is happening in the world of Lionism.

There were some special awards presented during the evening:

### **International President Certificate of Appreciation:**

DGE Pam Nichols  
1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Carol Greene  
Lion Jackie Dutil

### **Zone Certificate of Appreciation:**

Zone 1A: Lion Lise Gates, Enosburg Falls Lions Club  
PDG Merry Souza, Swanton Mississquoi Lions Club  
Zone 1B: Lion Carmelita Belisle, Colchester Lions Club  
Lion Gia Vadnais, Williston Lions Club  
Zone 2AB: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Kathy Dorman, Vergennes Lions Club  
Lion Jim McClay, Vergennes Lions Club  
Lion Bob Tardie, Granville Lions Club  
Zone 2C: Lion Bud Krawczyk, NorShaft Lions Club  
Lion Ken Monte, Arlington Lions Club  
Zone 3A: Lion Cheryl Brush, Norwich Lions Club  
Lion Debra Savery, Springfield Lions Club  
Zone 3AB: Lion Julie Muller, Deerfield Valley Lions Club  
PCS Anna Bolognani, Readsboro Lions Club  
Zone 4: Lion Denny Lyster, Troy and Area Lions Club  
Lions Paul and Amy Snider, Derby Lions Club

I would like to say ‘thank you’ to everyone / all the clubs that made a generous donation to the Chittenden County Humane Society and the Colchester Food Shelf. It was definite surprise.

Take care all. Hope to see you on the Lions trail. DG Ken



## *District 45 2019 - 2020 Year End Awards*

### *Lion of the Year*

PCT Brenda Seitz, Brattleboro Area Lions Club

### *Club of the Year*

Deerfield Valley Lions Club

### *Event of the Year*

Manchester Lions Club - Make A Wish Elf Express  
Norshaft Lions Club - 9000 lbs Food Drive Collection  
Granville Lions Club - Donation building food shelf

### *Event of the Year: Honorable Mention*

Arlington Lions Club - Haircuts for local youth  
Heartland Lions Club - Diabetes screening local hardware store  
Barre Lions Club - Food Drive during COVID-19  
Middlebury Lions Club - Picnic Pavillion

### *Pull tab Recycling*

First Place - Norshaft Lions Club  
Second Place - Troy and Area Lions Club  
Third Place - Deerfield Valley Lions Club  
Fourth Place - Colchester Lions Club

### *Pull tab Recycling Honorable Mention*

Barre Lions Club  
Williston Area Lions Club  
Brattleboro Area Lions Club  
Heartland Lions Club

### *Pull tab Recycling Attempt Award*

Arlington Lions Club

### *Traveling Lion Contest*

First Place - Vergennes Lions Club  
Second Place - Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club  
Third Place - Springfield Lions Club

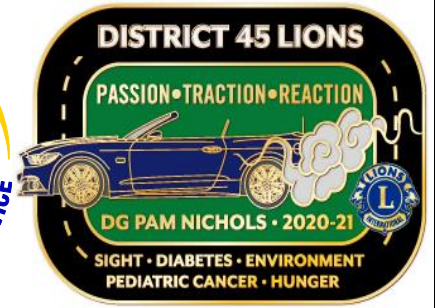




Lions Service Activities Total as reported via MyLion  
 District 45 versus U.S. and Affiliates, Bermuda and Bahamas  
 Lions Club International District and Members  
 As of June 26, 2020







## FOURTH AND GOAL HAS BECOME!!!

Take your Passion, make some Traction,  
get their Reaction!!!

### MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE Prize money for Admn. Funds.

Purpose of challenge: **NEW MEMBERS!!!**

Given the pandemic issues, challenge has been extended!!!

Original Time Period: 4/1/20 – 6/30/20, **extended to September 30, 2020**

Prizes to be drawn Fall Conference 2020 - 2021

**This is a 2-section challenge**

**Section 1: Clubs with no new members as of 3 31 2020**

**Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 4<sup>th</sup> \$15 5<sup>th</sup> \$10**

**For each member a club brings in, they will receive an entry into the raffle. One member, one entry, 5 members 5 entries. One prize per club**

**Section 2: Clubs who have brought in at least  
1 new member prior to 3 31 2020**

**Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 4<sup>th</sup> \$15 5<sup>th</sup> \$10**

**All clubs will automatic get one entry into raffle. For each new member they bring in, they will receive an additional entry. **BUT for each member they drop due to non-attendance or non-payment they will forfeit their entry into raffle.** One prize per club.**

**FOR ALL CLUBS: 1<sup>st</sup> 20 members added to Clubs / Districts roster, will have their District dues for 2020 – 2021 paid for.**





## Club News



### Troy Area Lions

By Lion Peggy Loux

I am once again so proud to be part of the Troy & Area Lions Club. Denny Lyster who is in charge of the Westfield Community Center Meal Site, and his team of volunteers have been serving on average 55 people a week a hot lunch every Thursday via curbside service at the Westfield Community Center. The curbside lunches started April 30 and will likely continue thru the end of July or until the meal site can open up again with inside sitting. A huge thank you to all the volunteers: Denny & Carolyn Lyster, Connie Laplume, Colleen Mayhew, Eric McCann & Chris, Sellers, Deb Dykeman, Robbin Clark, Amanda Elie, Alice Gonyaw Piette, Barbara Saloomey, Vicky Wursthorn, Pat Sanders, Peggy Loux. The lunches are served starting 11:45 am to approx 12:15 pm, cost is \$3 per person. You must stay in car and wear a mask. Open to all ages. Please do pickup for friends, families and neighbors. The menu for Thurs, June 25 is - Pasta w/Italian Sausage, Berry Creek Salad, Roll, Rhubarb Cobbler w/Oat Dumplings



*Lions dishing it out in the kitchen.*

### Lions Serve at Westfield Community Center

I am once again so proud to be part of the Troy & Area Lions Club. Denny Lyster who is in charge of the Westfield Community Center Meal Site, and his team of volunteers have been serving on average 55 people a week a hot lunch every Thursday via curbside service at the Westfield Community Center.

### Deerfield Valley Lions

By Lion Mark Hanna

## Eyeglass Donation Box Locations We also recycle hearing aids! June 2020

Site	In Charge of this is Lion:	911 Address:	Town
Dover Library	CB	22 Holland Road	East Dover VT 05341
Post Office	Mark	2939 VT-100	Jacksonville VT 05342
Municipal Center/Whitingham Library	Mark/Darlene	2948 VT-100	Jacksonville VT 05342
Jacksonville Community Church	Doug	110 VT-112	Jacksonville VT



			05342
Cherry Creek Sales	Phil	1846 Gates Pond Road	Jacksonville VT 05342
Grand Summit	Alison	21 Mount Snow Road	West Dover VT 05356
Kitzhof Inn	Alison	332 VT-100	West Dover VT 05356
Halifax Post Office	Ron	3438 Reed Hill Rd	West Halifax VT 05358
Post Office	Darlene	6677 VT-100	Whitingham VT 05361
Our Lady of Fatima Church	Bill	96 East Main St.	Wilmington VT 05363
Post Office	nobody	39 East Main St.	Wilmington VT 05363
Coffee Shop (a basket instead of a box)	Lisa G.	247 Route 9 East	Wilmington VT 05363
St Mary's Church	CB & Sue Rand	13 East Main Street	Wilmington VT 05363
Community Bank	Pete	97 East Main Street	Wilmington VT 05363
Shaw's	Pete	86 East Main Street	Wilmington VT 05363
Deerfield Valley Health Center	Wanda/Pete	30 VT-100	Wilmington VT 05363
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce	Jenn Beach	21 West Main Street	Wilmington VT 05363
C&S Restaurant	Maureen	159 Route 100 North	Wilmington VT 05363
Post Office	Ed Metcalfe/Darlene	39 East Main Street	Wilmington VT 05363
The Family Therapy Center	Helen	38 Kelley Street	Bristol, CT 06010*

\*Local Lions club notified, as a courtesy, and OKd.

Around Vermont, deposit your eyeglasses and hearing aids here:

[https://www.vermontlions.org/images/Collection\\_Locations.pdf](https://www.vermontlions.org/images/Collection_Locations.pdf)

## **Bennington Lions**

*By Lion Matt Gras*

Thanks to Lion Bud Krawczyk and his crew from the NorShaft Lions Club

or restoring the Lions Field sign at the Mt. Anthony Union High School.





Submitted by Lion Beth Abustan

Did you know that FRONT PORCH FORUM is connected to every Vermont town! So, what can you post? How about introducing your club president? ASKING about community needs, Lion CLUB EVENTS. eyeglass drop off box location. Lion sighting (ok ,maybe a bobcat!)

It is simple to use!

## **Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions**

*By Lion Randee Keith*

Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions Plant Flower Baskets for Smith Haven On Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>, Lions Joan Dayton, Gail Wyman and Randee Keith planted colorful hanging flower baskets to hang on the lamp posts at Smith Haven. This is the local Lions Club second year of adding a little beauty to Smith Haven grounds. A special thank you to Center Merrill and Joan Dayton for providing the flowers and the potting soil for this project.

In these uncertain times of Covid 19, Tri-Mtn Lions will not be able to hold our Annual Duck Race, we will be back next year if all goes well.

Look for the Tri-Mtn Lions lawn float on Middletown Road on July 4<sup>th</sup> .

Tri-Mtn Lions have donated to the Neighbors Pantry to aid in the backpack program at Floodbrook for the coming school year.

Tri-Mtn Lions welcomes new members, if you are interested call Randee Keith 802-824-6750 or email [keithrandee@gmail.com](mailto:keithrandee@gmail.com)

Without bring able to hold any fundraisers during Covid 19 we would gladly accept any donations at PO Box 401, Londonderry, 05148



## Heartland Lions Club

*By Lion Carol Greene*

Sue Thomas was a speaker at Vermont Lions Spring Convention in May 2018 at Mt Snow. Heartland Lions just made she and Deborah (her assistant) honorary lions. You may recall Sue received her first seeing eye dog from Canadian Lions, shared her life experiences with us what she encountered being deaf – she also had a tv show – Sue Thomas F.B. Eye. At the FBI, Thomas started out as a fingerprint examiner, then she became a lip-reader for an undercover surveillance team after Jack Hogan, an FBI agent, discovered her ability. Thomas spent four years working for the FBI, from 1979 to 1983.

The real Sue Thomas is asking for prayer. She was diagnosed with Stage 4 non Small Cell Lung Cancer on her 70th birthday in May. She is receiving treatment and would love your prayers.

Sue and her assistant Deborah live in Ohio and Tunbridge, Vermont. Please keep her in your prayers.



## How you can help the bees from home

A small thing, but a great deal to our environment, if it supports the bees, which are vital for our crops, etc. I have sent away for one of these kits and it might be a simple idea for environmental service. I thought I would pass it on.

PDG Liz

Bee populations are collapsing, due to pesticide use, global warming and loss of habitat. One way you can help support our bees is to plant your very own home haven to provide them with the food and habitat they need.

[Check out our Bee Friendly Garden Kits.](#)



Gardens are starting to bloom right now, a lovely reminder that, despite all that is happening, nature will still grow. Are you still looking to fill in an area, or still want to start your own garden? Now is a great time to add these seeds to your garden.

Join us in planting bee friendly gardens to support pollinators.

Each kit includes wildflower seeds, a sturdy metal sign, and tips on how to create a pollinator garden. The plants in the seeds have been selected to support bees in all gardening regions, and provide nectar and pollen for full season support of native and introduced bee species.

**[Get your garden kit now. Help the bees this summer.](#)**

P.S. Our work to defend the environment can't stop and won't stop in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. We'll keep advocating on your behalf -- at a safe social distance -- for clean air, clean water, clean energy, wildlife and open spaces, and a livable climate.

P.S.: This is also a great activity for kids. **[Get them planting today.](#)**

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June 28, 2020

I am sure everyone can agree the end of this Lions year is certainly one no one will not forget. With a final total of 21851 students screened with 2188 referrals our efforts were outstanding. We had 21 out of 32 clubs reporting results which is an outstanding percentage. I wish to thank all of the Visioneers for stepping up to make sure their schools get the services they need, and the students get the care they are entitled to.

Many of our Lions went above and beyond to make this year such a success. With the issue of what age children should be screened and the conversations needed to even stay linked with some of the schools, our Lions shined and were able to continue their task of screening children in established locations and even some being able to create new schools sites in which to do new screenings. Bravo!!!

With the 2019-2020 year behind us, I look to the future with a renewed sense of excitement. Yes, with Covid-19 on the forefront of everyone's minds, I know we will move forward and continue to support our children with the screenings they have come to depend on from their Lion friends. Things will look different. There is no doubt in that, but we will move forward, stay in contact with the schools, have conversations with school nurses, and figure this whole process out as only Lions can. Going into the schools later in the year is an option. Having nurses do the actual screenings? Sure, why not. We teach the nurses how to run the cameras and the students are still able to be screened. Remember, where there is a Lion, there is a way.

So, with a great year behind us and all kinds of possibilities ahead of us, I look forward to another exceptional year ahead.

Thank you, Visioneers, for all your support and hard work this year and for all your enthusiasm and continued commitment for the next.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Deb Savery

Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



## EYEGLASS RECYCLING

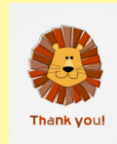
Hello Everyone,

We are still going to continue with eyeglass recycling; however, I urge you to use caution. Wear masks and gloves, discard cases. You can also use a disinfectant to clean glasses.

Make arrangements with the host of the eyeglass boxes in how they want you to retrieve glasses .

Please send me names and email of your clubs eyeglass chair to [babustan@yahoo.com](mailto:babustan@yahoo.com) I am not accepting lens.

lion beth abustan D45 recycling chair



## RAIN BARRELS

Are you looking for a way to fulfill one of LCI Global causes? Rain Barrels are an easy way to promote environmental awareness.

They also make great fund raisers. Who wouldn't want a Rain barrel to reduce their water bill, as well as a healthier lawn, and garden.

The average cost of a rain barrel cost \$70, or you can make your own for half the amount.



These barrels are food grade, available in Bennington VT

\$20 APPROX you pick up.

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September 17-19, 2020

Louisville, Kentucky

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June 2020 Newsletter

## From our General Chairperson, PID Harvey Whitley

The disappointment of having to cancel our 2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville will not soon go away. Since our announcement, I have received numerous calls, cards, and e-mails from Lions who support our decision. I have also been monitoring social media and once again the response has been one of disappointment but understanding that the safety of our attendees is the number one concern. One of the things that stood out to me as I looked at responses was the number of first-timers who had registered and were excited about coming to their first ever Forum.

There was also a lot of response from our attendees who were looking forward to receiving their recognition for completion of various certificate levels of Lions University. Included as a separate article in this newsletter is a word from PCC Gary Steele, Dean of Lions University, as to the plans regarding receipt of your certificate.

Many have asked if we can return to Louisville. The short answer to that is YES. The Forum would love to return to the beautiful city of Louisville as soon as we can. We have enjoyed working with the Louisville Host Committee in planning the 2020 Forum. Under the leadership of Host Committee Chairperson PCC Chuck Carlson, they have worked hard to make what was going to be one of the best Forums ever. As General Chairperson of the Forum, I could not have asked for a better Host Committee than these Kentucky Lions.

For those who had already registered for 2020 Louisville, it was previously announced that we would offer a choice of a full refund or a rollover of your registration fees to the 2021 Forum. Many have already exercised your choice but if you have not already done so, you must make your choice in writing by e-mailing our Registrar at [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org) or by mailing your choice request to PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709. Please do not call the Forum office to request a refund or transfer of funds to 2021. We will process any refund requests through July 10, 2020 and any registrations for Louisville remaining after that date will automatically be rolled over to the 2021 Forum.

Thank you to everyone for your kind words and encouragement to me as the 2020 General Chairperson. I was honored to have been selected to serve in this capacity and look forward to working to continue to make the Forum an event we all look forward to attending, for not only the educational opportunities, but also the camaraderie of being together with other Lions from near and far.

PID Harvey Whitley

2020 Forum General Chairperson

PID Harvey Whitley



The Forum Planning Committee met virtually to provide input to the Executive Committee prior to the decision to cancel the Louisville Forum. Thank you, Planning Committee, for your dedication and, Executive Committee, for making such a difficult decision.



**LIONS UNIVERSITY**

# Lions University

Year-Round Training Provided by the  
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



The Lions University team met recently and started making plans for how to address the cancellation of the Louisville Forum. After some discussion the following decisions were made. This information will also be sent via emails to prospective graduates.

All Lions who have attended enough Forums to qualify for graduation from their respective programs will be able to graduate this year if applications requesting and documenting credit are submitted from the member's Lions University account by **July 15, 2020**. We will send a PDF copy of the certificate to the graduate and maintain the hardcopy certificates and the pins and make them available at next year's Forum. If you are unable to attend the 2021 Forum you can have someone from your state/district pick them up for you. You will be considered a 2020 graduate of the appropriate Program and will not be included in the 2021 graduation.

Some of you are taking courses in the different Programs with the intention of using this year's Forum for graduation requirements. We are working on a plan that may permit graduation on a one-time basis due to the extenuating circumstances of 2020. We haven't finalized these plans yet as we are waiting to see about other opportunities that the Forum Planning Committee is exploring. As soon as the Forum Planning Committee finalizes these plans, we will make another announcement that will clarify this approach.

Gary Steele  
PCC, MD31  
Lions University Coordinator

## Roll Over or Refund?

The Forum will offer a choice of a full refund or a rollover of your registration fees to the 2021 Forum.

You **must** make this choice by **July 10, 2020** in writing by e-mailing our Registrar at [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org) or by mailing your choice request to PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709-0723.

Please do not call the Forum office to request a refund or transfer of funds to 2021.



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June 2020

Special thanks to those who have already joined us in our global efforts with Campaign 100. I am happy to report despite the uncertainty our world has been in, District 45 Campaign 100 had 59% club participation and contributed \$23,179. In addition our LCIF Fundraisers added another \$10,490.30 bringing our grand total to \$33,278.30 for the lions current year, with a two year total of \$69,109.73, I am extremely proud and honored to represent our District as coordinator and am confident that we will exceed our goal.

These past few months has placed our whole life as we have known it, on hold. Employment for many was and some continue to be in the midst uncertainty, retirement accounts have taken huge losses, clubs have canceled their meetings, many of clubs fundraisers have been postponed or entirely canceled. No doubt all this leads to the unknown when it comes to your current or future commitments to campaign 100. Please trust that we are compassionate about your concerns, we totally understand if you have had to take a back door to your commitments. The good news is Campaign 100 has been extended one more year which will allow us to continue to invest in our future and continue to impact "Together We Can, Together We Will".

Campaign 100's support of Lions' service is more important now than ever. LCIF has awarded an impressive 288 Grands for a total of \$4,706,432 for COVID 19 Front-line Relief. Special thanks to those who have been on the front line or in the line of essential employment, during this pandemic. May god bless and keep us all safe.

For assistance or more information please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-582-2288 or [pdgmerry@gmail.com](mailto:pdgmerry@gmail.com). You can also visit [lcif.org/donate](http://lcif.org/donate) for more information or to make a secure recurring or one-time contribution, call 630-203-3836 or email [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org).

**Respectfully**

*PDG Merry Souza*