

# The Communique District 45 — Vermont Lions Charities In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship

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Dear fellow District 45 members,

Wow!!! Does not seem possible that the 2018 – 2019 Lions year is over. IPDG Liz and her team did a fantastic job. Creating excitement. Creating energy. Creating a buzz for Lionism in our clubs and in the state.

2019 – 2020. It is a privilege and an enjoyment to be able to be your District Governor for a second time. Many of the things that happen in the District will be the same, but there also will be many changes. Changes that hopefully will continue to create that excitement, that energy, that buzz.

There will be two phrases that you will hear a lot in the next twelve months: 'We serve through Diversity' and 'The Service Journey'. "We serve through diversity is the theme of incoming International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi. Focus is on how we can become more, how we can do more, how we can serve more but allowing us to think about new opportunities: in membership, in leadership and in service.

'The Service Journey' is about what we are doing, how we are doing, making sure we are helping those that need our help. In the next twelve months, believe we will have a great 'Service Journey' or also stated as 'The Journey of Service'.

Have a great District leadership team for 2019 - 2020. Our Global Action Team (also known as GAT) are ready to help you in the coming months. The 'team' consists of:

Global Leadership Coordinator – PDG Joe Wilson (Springfield) Global Membership Coordinator – IPDG Lin Fenwick (NorShaft) Global Service Coordinator – Lion Molly Celani (Granville)

For a District Governor to have a successful year, they must have strong leadership at the Zone level. This year, I am looking forward to working with the following Zone Chairs:

Zone 1A: Lion Claude Coulombe (Richford)
Zone 1B: Lion Kendall Holden (Jericho-Underhill)
Zone 2AB – Lion Connie St. George (Brandon Forest Dale)
Lion 2C – Lion Matt Gras (NorShaft)
Zone 3A – Lion Ron Bingham (Heartland)
Zone 3BC – Lion Mark Hanna (Whitingham – Halifax)
Zone 4 – Lion Rick Theken (Barre)
Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams (Troy and Area).

All these Lions are ready to help you. Please do not hesitate to call them for any assistance, even just to 'chit-chat' about an issue.

But there are three more individuals that are very important to the District, very important to me to make sure the District operates as it needs to:

Cabinet Secretary – Lion Erin Connors (Essex Jct.) Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Dianne Brochu (Essex Jct.) Vice District Governor – PDG Pam Nichols (Londonderry Tri-Mountain)

All of us are here. Here, ready to help you. Ready to serve you.

We have a big challenge ahead of us. We as a District are down to 32 clubs, 1060 members. This year's challenge is to grow. Grow in number of clubs. Grow in number of members.

So, hang on. It is going to be a very very busy year. Looking forward to meeting all of you somewhere along the Lions Trail.

First stop — Organizational meeting, Sunday July  $14^{th}$ . Paine's Beach, South Royalton. Summer home of the Heartland Lions Club.

In Lionism,

DG Ken Emery 'Driven to Serve'

To Fellow Lion Leaders,

One final time I get the chance to write to you as your District Governor. This has been an amazing year and it is due to you and your Clubs, as you welcomed me on my visits, shared your successes and joined in my vision and service activities. It is so true to say that this is not the end but the beginning of a new era for Vermont Lions and you are the ones that are making this change and making it happen. Well Done, Vermont Lion!

On the 22nd of June, many of you came and joined in our 2nd Annual Officer Training Day in Vergennes. You brought the sunshine, your willingness to learn and share and most of all, your commitment to step up and lead — your Club, your Zone and your District. Never doubt how amazing you are!

One of the key points that was raised was the importance of us all keeping in touch and the vital role of communication. One way that you have done this is the sending out of monthly activity reports. I have truly enjoyed reading all of your monthly reports this year. It has been so great to learn of the many ways that you have served your communities. 33 reports that are all different and reflect the fact that all of you are close to your communities and in touch with local need. You are a joy. Please keep it up!

Lion Carol has said that she will continue to do the great job she has started of publishing the reports of your fun and service, as well as letting us all know what is coming up in the future. Please use YOUR Communique to communicate! Thank you, Lion Carol.

DGE Ken has put together his team to lead us next year and I am sure that you will give them your continuing support. He has set an Organizational Meeting for July the 14th in South Royalton and our first District Cabinet meeting of the year will be on August 11th in Manchester. Look in the Communique for more information - but put the dates on your calendar.

I look forward to working with you all next year as part of the Global Action Team for Membership. There are so many members of our communities that are looking for a way to serve. Together we can connect with them, grow our membership and meet the unmet needs in our communities, across the State and play our part at strong members of Lions Clubs International.

I know Lions do not rest over the summer, with so much going on in every corner of the State, but I wish you fun and the chance to recharge you batteries, ready for a new Lions Year.

Together We Serve, *IPDG Liz* 





## Congratulations District 45 Lions,

We screened 24,620 children and more importantly referred 2,443 for further testing. We visited 220 sites. Twenty-five clubs participated.

It's an important contribution we've made to the children and I couldn't produce this great report without all the work that has been done by you and your vision screeners.

Effective July 1st, Deb Savery (<u>tallships53@gmail.com</u>) will be the new vision screening coordinator. I know you will support Deb as you have supported me. It's been a pleasure working with all of you.

Phylis Porio Vision Screening Chair – D45 Lions D45 Guiding Lion



Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results

### Over 24,600 Children Screened This Academic Year July 1, 2018 - June 12, 2019

Club	Vision Screening Days/Sites	Number of Children	Number of Referrals	Number of Adults
	Days/Sites	Ciliuren	Referrais	Adults
Arlington/Bennington/ NorShaft	27	2,193	207	15
Barre	36	3,485	341	33
<b>Brandon Forest Dale</b>	7	718	72	9
Brattleboro	3	259	17	4
Castleton	33	2,742	265	47
Colchester/Essex	9	1,343	102	5
Enosberg	8	1,610	153	
Granville	1	348	45	
Georgia				
Heartland				
Jericho-Underhill	2	111	7	
Londonderry Area	7	578	14	
Manchester	1	60	10	
Middlebury/Vergennes	32	5,583	562	
Norwich	2	296	116	
Orleans	10	708	58	6
Readsboro	2	68	7	
Richford	4	636	74	
Strafford	1	90	8	2
Springfield	23	2,978	301	58
Troy & Area	4	292	30	7
Whitingham-Halifax	5	340	33	8
Windsor	2	148	16	
Williston				
Zone 1 A / Zone 1B	1	34	5	
Total:	220	24,620	2,443	194

## **District 45 Calendar and Events**

7/14/2019	Organizational Meeting, Hosted by Heartland Lions at Paine's Beach, South Royalton Registration: 11am; Luncheon: Noon
7/7-7/27/2019	Green Mountain Lions Camp
7/17/2019	Middlebury Lions Auction and Chicken Barbecue
7/18-7/21/2019	Norwich Fair on the Green, Norwich, $VT - Norwich Lions$
7/20/2019	Lions Twin-State Soccer, Castleton University
8/11/2019	Cabinet Meeting, Manchester, VT 10:00am -3:15pm
8/24/2019	Orleans Lions Horseshoe Tournament, Contact Lion Mark Collette
9/14/2017	Charity Bingo, Troy & Area Lions, Lowell Parrish Hall, 6pm
9/28/2019	Hungry Lion Bike Tour, Whitingham, VT
On going	Don't see your club's activity listed?
	Email it to the Communique!



## **Club News**

#### **Barre Lions:**

Members of the team "Disc Golf Heroes" defeated 16 teams to win the Championship of the 6th Annual Barre Lions Club Disc Golf Tournament held at The Barre Town Forest on June 18th. A good time was had by all. For more information on the Barre Lions Club, contact Membership Chair, Linda Mercy at 479-3405.



#### Troy & Area Lions:

Hello Fellow Lions.

The Charity bingo for Vermont Lions Charities will be held on Saturday, Sept 14th at the Lowell Parish Hall. at 6:00 P.M.

As usual with any event put on we cannot make it without the support of other clubs as well as the support of the public.

We are making big changes in the bingo this year in an attempt to raise more money.

- 1. We moved it to Lowell. (Morrisville did not attract a very big crowd)
- 2. We are giving away a larger jackpot
- 3. We are doing nicer prizes on the Silent Auction table

We do one game that draws people in. This game is called the BAG GAME. It is a total payout and is always \$400 - \$550. We decided to do this game the night of the charity bingo because it will insure a larger crowd. With that being said, please attend if it is possible.

We have decided to do away with the larger prize that we sell tickets on and give a larger jackpot.

For donation checks, please make them out to TROY AND AREA LIONS and send it to

1257 VT ROUTE 100, WESTFIELD, VT 05874



#### **Whitingham-Halifax Lions:**

The Whitingham-Halifax Lions celebrated new and veteran members at the Club's annual installation ceremonies held June 17<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Hall in Wilmington Vermont. Club leaders for 2019-2020 were sworn in by Lion Steve Betit of Whitingham. New members were inducted under the direction of Lions Past District Governor Joe Wilson of Springfield Vermont.

Many Lions were recognized for their service and for recruiting new members.

Steve Betit was given a chevron pin recognizing his 35 years of service to the Club, many as past-president.

Three members were singled out for outstanding commitment to the Club and community. Earning the President's Appreciation Award was Alison Ferris of Dover. Wanda Walkowiak received recognition as Outstanding Lion, particularly for her work as the club's new Membership Director. And Jeanette Felton was honored as Lion of the Year.

It was heartwarming to have Gudrun Stewart, Lion Alan Stewart's widow, present to receive the adulation the Club will always have for him. Alan distinguished himself in his role of Membership Director – amongst his many other contributions. Lion Alan passed away a few weeks after last year's New Member Induction. Both he and well-loved Lion Bob Strebi, the long-time Club secretary, received a warm remembrance.

The Club, which has recently grown to serve the Deerfield Valley, grew by another 12 members this year, after doubling its membership in 2018, making it the fastest growing service club in Vermont.

Lions are known for their many charitable and community contributions, addressing food insecurity on a number of levels, vision programs (including testing children's eyesight), bringing the community together through awareness campaigns, and promoting peace.

In particular, the Whitingham-Halifax Lions have met great success with membership recruitment – and much of that is attributed to the successes of their Holiday Baskets program, their Hungry Lion Bike Tour fundraiser, the hard work of its members and leaders – and the pride they take in their Club.

Plans for 2019-2020 include addressing environmental issues.

Lions is the largest volunteer service organization worldwide, and each Lion positively affects more than 70 people in the communities they serve.



Photo Credit: Ali Edelstein

#### In the photo, left to right:

Lions President, and Zone Chair, Mark Hanna; Vice President Julie Muller; Membership Director Wanda Walkowiak; Club Secretary Meg Staloff; Treasurer Harry Byron; Recording Secretary Jeanette Felton; Director Phil Edelstein; Director Darlene Betit; Director Bill Pusey; Service Chair Steve Betit; Director Maureen Drummey



Ride support, including well-stocked rest stops & sag service, if you need it - even an "elevator lift" if you want to skip the longest climb.

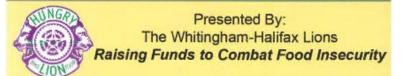
Post-ride Party with Live Music & BBQ

Goodie Bag and Great Raffle Prizes for participants.

Earn a beautiful custom art pro cycling jersey and other premiums - details on the website.

Visit our web site to learn more, view our video and register:

www.hungrylionbiketour.com Preregister online now and save!



#### **Orleans Lions:**

Orleans Lions annual Horseshoe tournament fund raiser will be held on Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> this year at north end of Lake Willoughby. Sign-up starts at 9:00am and tournament starts at 11:00am and goes to around 5pm. Food and non-alcoholic beverage available. A maximum of 40 teams can enter. If you have any questions feel free to contact Chair Lion Mark Collette at 802-356-5794, or 66fl10051@gmail.com.



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I saw this on Vt, Digger this morning - it seems we could get information out across the State. It could be worth investigating.

IPDG Liz

## **Special Olympics**

Lions took part in the Special Olympics on June 8 -





Colchester Lions: Lion Linda Eastman, Lion Lois Fontaine, her

Mother and sister. Essex Jct Lions: Lion Jackie Cote & PDG Lion

Betsy MaGee

#### **Colchester Lions:**

IP President Lion Jerry Stearns presents incoming KL Carmelita Belisle with a crown on a pillow.



Norwich Lion's visit Green Mountain Lion's Camp in Cabot VT for annual clean-up day and to roar once more



Lions Nico, Nicole, Steve, Peter Brion and Gary were on hand to help with this effort. Unfortunately Lions Cheryl, Demo and Dave Lamal had last minute conflicts and were unable to join us. Another "level" photo was taken and can be seen here. Photo's taken by Gary, Steve, and some from Demo's photo's from last years cleanup effort.



These Lions are levelheaded "Really they are"

Norwich Lions arrived at the Camp around 9:30 am and we were immediately put to work. We spent the morning pruning and lopping trees and picking up and piling branches and limbs that had accumulated around cabins and tent platforms.

Our "plan to slip out" around 1 pm after lunch was foiled! Last minute carpentry tasks that needed attention and most of our brother and sister Lions had already departed. Nico and Nicole went to work replacing steps to one of the cabins. Steve helped a brother Lion to replace an exit frame and Brion, Peter and I dismantled and "planned" for the eventual repair of a cabin railing.



Building a new set of stairs to a cabin



Brion and Gary work on replacing an existing staircase railing



Carpenters Nico and Steve are making it happen



During the past three years the number of D45 Lions volunteering the Cleanup Day has steadily fallen from 90 to 50 to around 25 this year. The absence of hand tools to accomplish the carpentry tasks was our greatest challenge.

While the weather was quite accommodating, the black flies were out in force! We enjoyed a nice lunch, as well as an opportunity to meet and work with fellow Lions from D45 clubs.

About ten Meadow Muffins were sold and the monies collected turned in to Nico.

We departed around 2:45 pm.

On behalf of KL Warren, I want to thank our Norwich Lions for their contribution to the success of today's "cleanup day".

Gary



Must be they overworked him



On Saturday June 1st the true spirit of the Lions of District 45 was present at the workday for the Green Mountain Camp in Cabot.

Thirty-seven Lions from thirteen Clubs in the District gave over four hundred hours of their time to ensure the Camp was ready for the campers in July. They raked, sanded and painted, cut down some trees, washed and cleaned cabin, sorted out stored items, cleaned and organized the kitchen, and cleaned the bath house to name but a few of the many things we managed to do. We stopped at mid-day to enjoy a wonderful cookout catered by many of the Lions present On behalf of the tri-chairs of the Green Mountain Camp I would like to thank the Lions of District 45, and in particular the Lions of Springfield, Norwich, Barre, Jericho-Underhill, Brattleboro Area, Norshaft, Brandon, Essex Junction, Williston, Orleans, Troy and Area and the MMU Leos. I would like to thank the MMU driver, despite not being a Lion, who worked as hard as any one of us there. I think I see a future Lion in him. Has anyone asked him?

With a big Lions thank you to all, PDG Patrick, Work Day Chair













### <u>Invitation to ALL Lions of District 45</u> <u>You are cordially welcome to attend</u> 2019 – 2020 Organizational Meeting

Sunday, July 14, 2019: Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Heartland Lions Club Paine's Beach 460 North Windsor Street, South Royalton VT 05068

Invitation to all Lions of District 45, ALL are cordially welcome to attend

Schedule (subject to change)

11:00 a.m. Registration – Welcome Noon – Lunch
1:00 p.m. Discussion plans for 2019 – 2020
2:00 p.m. – Installation of 2019 – 2020 District Officers
To be determined: Transfer of Financial Books / Audit

Registration costs: \$10 per person Reservations deadline July 10, 2019

Who should attend: District leadership team, Past District Governors, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Club Membership Chairs, Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions and ANY other Lions who want to learn about 2019 – 2020 plans and goals for District 45.

Lio	n:
Clu	ub:
Club F	Position:
	Position:
Pr	referred Main course selection: (you will be able to enjoy all!!)
nicken fillet	_ Sweet Italian Sausage Hamburger Hot Dog Vegetarian
Any	Special Dietary Needs:

Mail to: CTD Lion Dianne Brochu 10 Ketcham Drive Essex Junction VT 05452 OR email to: dmbrochu@gmail.com





# How many of these acronyms do you know?

## Submitted by Lion Loreen Teer



IP	CST	GMLC
PIP	cs	VABVI
ID	ст	DVAS
PID	PCS	GLT
LCI	PCT	GMT
LCIF	PCST	VLC
DG	ZC	NELC
VDG	MJF	LTSSA
DGE	KL	MD
VDGE	IPP	cc
IPDG	π	LEO
PDG	LT	LIONS

Where there's a need, there's a LION!

## Answers in next month's Communique













## MIDDLEBURY LON'S CLUB

65th Annua

## **AUCTION and B-B-Q**

On the Middlebury Village Green
Rain Location: Memorial Sports Center

Wednesday, July 17th B-B-Q AT 4:30pm - 6pm

ONLY \$1200

1/2 Chicken - Macaroni Salad - Potato Salad Rolls & Butter - Iced Tea - Lemonade - Water - Ice Cream

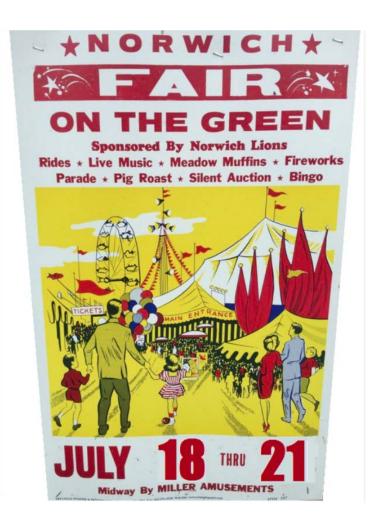
## TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

Auction starts at 6 PM sharp

For more information call Roger Desabrais Jr. at 802-236-9978 or Matt at 758-2813

Auction items from these local businesses!

# 1 Auto Parts • Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) • Bourdon Insurance Agency • Buds Barber Shop • Cabot Cheese • Carols Hungry Mind Cafe • J. P. Carrara & Sons, Inc. • Chris Morse Computer Service • Courtyard By Marriott • Doggone Styles By Pilar • Fire & Ice Restaurant • Floyd's Automotive • Frog Hollow Bikes • Green Peppers Restaurant • Hannaford Food & Pharmacy • Homeward Bound • Maple Landmark • Marquis Theater • Mayr's Place Hair Salon • Middlebury College, Ralph Myhre Golf Course • Middlebury Eye Assoc. • Middlebury Fitness • Middlebury Natural Food Co-op • Middlebury Sweets Candy Shop & Motel • Mike's Fuels • Mister Up's • Monument Farms Dairy • MOO • My Kim Nails • Napa Auto Parts • Neshobe Golf Course • Pike Industries • Route 7 South Sandwich Company • Taco' de Town • UPS Store • V1 Artist, Peter Hunloon • Woodchuck's Hard Cider











District Governor Ken would like to invite all Cabinet Officers, Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs, Past District Governors, Lions, Spouses and Guests to the 1st Cabinet Meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Lions Year.

# Sunday, August 11th, 2019: Time: 10:00 – 3:15 p.m. Manchester Eagles Club, 2282 Route 11, Manchester Vermont

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

9:00 a.m. - ..... Registration

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Promotion Row

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Fundraising: Silent Auction (items welcomed), 200 Club, 50 / 50, Collection of items for local Animal Rescue / Humane Society.

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Honorary meeting

10:00 a.m. Cabinet meeting called to order

10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.: Work session # 1: Vermont Lions Charities

Officer Schools: President, Secretary, Treasurer

How to start / work with a Leos Club

New member orientation

Diabetes

11:00 a.m. - 11:50 p.m.: Work session # 2: Vermont Lions Charities (cont).

Tailtwister School Vision Screening 101

Roundtable Discussions: Sight and Hearing

District Leadership New projects 101

Noon - 1:30 p.m.: Lunch with Guest speaker - to be determined

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting

Driven to Serve Vermont Lions District 45 2019 - 2020







# Invitation to ALL Lions of District 45 You are cordially welcome to attend Cabinet Meeting # 1 - 2019 - 2020

Sunday, August 11th, 2019: Time: 10:00 – 3:15 p.m. Location: Manchester Eagles Club 2282 Route 11, Manchester Vermont

Invitation to all Lions of District 45, ALL are cordially welcome to attend

Schedule (see schedule of events):

Registration costs: \$20 per person

(new members within last 12 months free – see notation below)

Reservations deadline: August 5, 2019

(\$24 after 8/5/2019 deadline)

Lion:		
Address:		
Phone: (Home / Cell)		
District Position:		
Any Special Dietary Needs: _		
	f, turkey, veggie), Meat Platter, Cheese Platte	er, Potato
Salad,	Past Salad, Coleslaw)	

\*\*\*New members (within last 12 calender months) who register by deadline
May attend free of charge – must attend new member orientation \*\*\*

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