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It is with a grateful heart I prepare for the 2021 Spring convention!

So excited to greet you all and be together even though we still will be taking precautions. Spending time with each, other face-to-face, is a gift I wasn't so sure we would have. Just so you know the decisions on the awards were made first part of April, so that if you have any changes in membership or other things that I looked at, after April 1, they won't count toward this year. I'm sorry about that but I had to order awards and only had so much time!

We are so excited that International Director Mark Lyon and his wife, Lion Lynn are joining us. We are doing zoom for the cabinet meeting also Facebook live at different times on our Facebook page so there's no reason even if you're not with us in person you cannot be with us through technology. So get out your phones get out your computer and join us. The zoom links have been sent to your presidents and secretaries and all you PDG's so there is really no excuse for not having them if they haven't sent them to you please give them a call and ask.

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As we work towards next year and luckily, you'll have the ability to come to meetings again, I hope that you will decide that cabinet meetings and zone meetings are really important for your club! The best part about being a member of the Lions is that we are not Lions alone: we have our Club members, we have district members, we have members throughout the entire United States, as well as 220 countries throughout the world. Let's not forget that you're not a Lion of one, we are all LIONS - one of many.

This is why your district is so important. This is why your zone meetings are important! This is how you learn what is going on around, not only district wide but country wide and worldwide. Spread your wings and learn how to fly. That is my wish for you! It is very comforting to know that you were not the only one that there are people there to help you when you need it so don't forget to reach out to your District Gov. team that's why we are here

Thank you for being so kind this year. Thank you for everything you have done to get through this pandemic and THANK YOU for serving your community.

Yours in service as always
District Gov. Pam

District 45 Calendar

2020	District 45	2021
<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosts - Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 1, 2021	Green Up Day - Vermont	Statewide
May 2, 2021	Deerfield Valley Lions Open House	Wilmington Vt
May 3, 2021	Deadline - Registration - Spring Convention	Manchester VT
May 7 - 9, 2021	District 45 - Spring Convention	Manchester VT
<u>May 7, 2021</u>	<u>Fun Night - Dance to 'Don't Leave'</u>	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>
<u>May 8, 2021</u>	<u>Annual Business meeting - Election of Officers</u>	<u>8:30 p.m.</u>
<u>May 8, 2021</u>	<u>Past District Governors / Melvin Jones Fellows Banquet</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>
<u>May 9, 2021</u>	<u>District 45 Memorial Service</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>
<u>May 9, 2021</u>	<u>Meet 2021 - 2022 District 45 Officers</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
May 15, 2021	Barre Lions Beard Contest Ends	Barre Vt
May 15, 2021	2021 - 2022 Club Officers Submitted - LCI	International
May 15, 2021	New England Lions Council Spring Meeting	Virtual
May 22, 2021	Deerfield Valley Lions Tag Sale	Jacksonville, Vt
May 25, 2021	Swanton Missisquoi Valley Lions Club Raffle Ends	Swanton, Vt
June tbd, 2021	District 45 Club Officer Training	Virtual
June 1, 2021	Helen Keller Day	International
June 7, 2021	Lions Clubs International Birthday	International
June 25 - 29, 2021	Lions Club International - International Convention	Virtual
July 10 - 24, 2021	Tentative - GMLC - teens	McIndoe Falls, Vt
July 17, 2021	Lions Twin State Soccer Games	To be determined
July 25 - 31, 2021	Tentative - GMLC - youth	McIndoe Falls, Vt
Aug 19 - 20, 2021	Northeast Pin Traders Swap Meet	Rutland, Vt

Don't see your club activities???
Email such to the Communiqué Editor
See it next month!!!!

2021 SPRING CONVENTION NEWS



WE SERVE

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DATE: APRIL 1, 2021

TO: LIONS
VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

FROM: District Governor Pam Nichols
1st VDG Carol Greene
2nd VDG Kathy Dorman

RE: 2021 Spring Convention

Vermont District 45 Lions are invited to the 2021 Spring Convention being held the weekend of May 7,8 & 9, 2021 at Equinox Hotel and Resort in Manchester Center Vermont .

Following you will find the registration forms and the schedule of events.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN
MANCHESTER CENTER



WE SERVE

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

Spring Convention

May 7, 8 & 9, 2021

EQUINOX HOTEL AND RESORT, Manchester Center, Vermont

WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 7, 2021

REGISTRATION - Lincoln Terrace - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

DINNER - Orvis Inn---5:30 to 7:00 pm

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT - 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Featuring the band: ***"DON'T LEAVE"*** - Western Wear Please



HOSPITALITY - Orvis Inn - 10:00 pm TO 11:00 pm - Hosted by:
DG Candidate Carol Greene, 1st VDG Candidate Kathy Dorman
2nd VDG Candidate Travis Wood

SATURDAY MAY 8, 2021

REGISTRATION - Rockwell Hall - 7:30 am to 12:00 Noon

BREAKFAST BUFFET - Manchester Room- 7:30 am to 8:30 am

CABINET MEETING - Rockwell Ballroom -8:30 am to 11:30 am

LUNCH - Manchester Room - 12:00 to 1:30 pm -

Guest Speaker: Lion Lyn Lyon, wife International Director Mark Lyon

MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR MARK LYON

1:30 pm to 2:00 PM - Manchester Room

COMMUNITY PROJECT - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

HOSPITALITY - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Orvis Inn

SOCIAL/DINNER - SOCIAL: 6:00 pm - DINNER: 6:30 pm - Colonnade Room

Speaker: International Director Mark Lyon

Melvin Jones Presentations

Past District Governors Dinner

HOSPITALITY - 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Orvis Inn

SUNDAY MAY 9, 2021

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 8:00 am - Rockwell Room

BREAKFAST BUFFET - 9:00 am to 10:00 am - Manchester Room

MEET THE NEW DISTRICT 45 CABINET FOR 2021-2022

10:15 am to 12:00 noon - Rockwell Ballroom

ALL COVID 19 GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF VERMONT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LIONS DISTRICT 45 AND THE EQUINOX HOTEL AND RESORT. WEAR A MASK AND FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES—VACCINATIONS REQUIRED BY ALL

2021 Convention Memorial Service

We will be honoring our deceased members for the years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 at this year's convention.

Please submit the info (bio, years of service, awards) of your deceased member to swantonlions@gmail.com.

Thanks to the Memorial Service Committee.

MARK S. LYON INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Mark S. Lyon, from Brookfield, Connecticut, USA, was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

Director Lyon has worked in corporate legal administration and financial services for 36 years. He is currently board administration manager with Synchrony Financial.

He has been a member of the Brookfield Lions Club since 1996 and has held a number of offices within the association, including district governor, GLT district coordinator, cabinet secretary, multiple district council chairperson and multiple district GLT coordinator.

In recognition for his service, he has received numerous awards including an International President's Award and an International President's Leadership Award. He has also been recognized as a Connecticut Knight of the Blind and a Connecticut Ambassador of Sight in addition to receiving four International President's Certificate of Appreciation, he is the recipient of a number of project and service related certificates.

Director Lyon is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife Carolyn Faris Lyon is also a longtime Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow.

2021 SPRING CONVENTION **ELECTIONS: 2021 – 2022 District Officers**

Elections to be held as part of the 2021 Spring Convention Business Meeting. Meeting to be held in-person or via zoom. Delegates can partake in either method. Delegates who vote attend via the Zoom meeting process will receive directions on how to vote electronically. Clubs must determine whom their delegates are going to be by no later than May 1, 2021. Past District Governors can vote as a delegate for their club or individually but not both. Clubs must be in good standing in regards to paying financial amounts to Lions Club International and District 45.

Candidates are: DG – 1st VDG Carol Greene, Heartland, 1st VDG – 2nd VDG Kathy Dorman, Vergennes and 2nd VDG – Lion Travis Wood - Manchester



WE SERVE

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

Spring Convention, May 7,8 & 9, 2021

EQUINOX HOTEL AND RESORT, Manchester Center, Vermont WEEKEND PACKAGES

Double Package---2 Nights: \$504.59 Per Couple

2 Night Package includes: 2 nights' accommodations, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast, taxes and service charges included.

Double Package---1 Night: \$327.32 per couple

1 Night Package includes: 1 nights' accommodations, Saturday lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast—taxes and service charges included.

Single Package: 2 nights \$ 383.20

2 Night Package includes: 2 nights' accommodations, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast, taxes and service charges included.

Single Package---1 night \$229.11

1 Night Package includes: 1 night's accommodations, Saturday lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast—taxes and service charges included.

Reservations will be made directly with the hotel at 877-854-7625

By April 16, 2021 ***** Extended to May 3, 2021 *****

In house reservation office is open M-F, 8:30 to 5

***Please indicate Seared Salmon or Bone-in Chicken Breast for Dinner Saturday**

Night * Please note any dietary needs *****

WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION.



WE SERVE - VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45
 Spring Convention - May 7, 8 & 9, 2021
 EQUINOX HOTEL AND RESORT - Manchester Center, Vermont
MEALS ONLY

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE : _____ HOME CLUB: _____

FRIDAY MAY 7, 2021- DINNER - Orvis Inn - 5:30 pm To 7:00 pm - _____ -# *Attending Dinner*

SATURDAY MAY 8, 2021 - BREAKFAST - Manchester Room - 7:30 am to 8:30 am

_____ # attending x \$24.00 per person TOTAL _____

- Fresh Juice (apple, orange) Applewood Smoked Bacon Sliced Seasonal Melon Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Fresh Baked Breakfast Pastries Cage Free Scrambled Eggs Coffee/Tea

SATURDAY MAY 8, 2021- LUNCH - Manchester Room - 12:00 to 1:30 pm

_____ # attending x \$28.00 per person TOTAL _____

- Artisanal Rolls/Butter **1st COURSE:** Vegan Squash Soup/Coconut Whip/Pepitas
- 2ND COURSE:** Grilled Chicken Breast/Braised Pepperonata/Risotto Cake/Confit Garlic
- DESSERT COURSE:** NY Style Cheesecake/Blueberry Compote/Lemon Curd

SOCIAL/DINNER - SOCIAL: 6:00 pm DINNER: 6:30 pm - Colonnade Room

Speaker: International Director Mark Lyon; Melvin Jones Presentations; Past District Governor Dinner

_____ # attending x \$48.00 per person TOTAL _____

- Artisanal Rolls/Butter **1st COURSE:** Beefsteak Tomato Salad/Fresh Mozzarella/Pickled Onions/Basil Pistou/Balsamic

2nd COURSE: Bone-In Chicken Breast/Whipped Potatoes/Roasted Squash/Herb Jus **-OR-**

- Seared Salmon/Whipped Potatoes/Roasted Squash/Tomato jam/Beurre Blanc
- DESSERT COURSE :** Farmers Carrot Cake/Cream Cheese/Caramel

_____ # Chicken Breast _____ #Seared Salmon

SUNDAY MAY 9, 2021 – BREAKFAST - 9:00 am to 10:00 am - Manchester Room

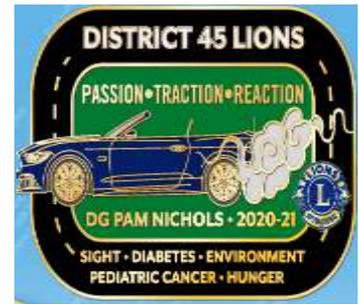
_____ # attending x \$24.00 per person TOTAL _____

- Fresh Juice (apple, orange) Applewood Smoked Bacon Sliced Seasonal Melon
- Oven Roasted Potatoes Fresh Baked Breakfast Pastries Cage Free Scrambled Eggs Coffee/Tea

***** Please note any special dietary needs:** _____

TOTAL MEALS _____

Please return your meal registration to CST PDG Bob Wilcox by 4/16/21 ***** Extended to May 3, 2021 *****
 CST PDG Bob Wilcox, p.o. Box 321, Shaftsbury, VT 05262—802-379-2600



**WE SERVE
VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45
SPRING CONVENTION
CABINET MEETING
Saturday May 8, 2021
EQUINOX HOTEL AND RESORT
8:30 am to 11:30 am**

- Meeting Called to Order
- Lions Clubs International 4 pt. Opening
- Introduction of :---see list
- Roll call of Clubs
- Minutes from March Cabinet Meeting
- Financial report
- Honorary Committee report
- Award presentations
- LCIF Super Raffle report
- 2020-2021 District 45 Proclamation
- Vermont Lions Charities report
- LCIF/Campaign 100
- Global Leadership
- Global Membership
- Global Service
- Lions Twin State Soccer
- Award Presentations
- Green Mountain Lions Camp
- Vision Screening
- Election of Officers for 2021-2022
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- DG Closing remarks
- Adjournment

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Hello, District 45 Lions,

It is so hard to believe that 2021 is going so quickly. I would like to share my candidacy for District Governor, for District 45. I have attached my bio for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me either via phone (802.291.3750) or email (vtlioncarol@gmail.com).

We Serve,
FVDG Carol



FVDG Lion Carol Greene

Working History

- Dartmouth College, Hanover NH: 44 years
Student Loans/Billing & Collections
Amos Tuck School of Business, Financial Aid
Office
Undergraduate Financial Aid & Admissions

Education

- South Royalton High School
- CollegeBoard Financial Aid Institute
- Professional Development Classes, Dartmouth
College

Community Public Service

- United Church of South Royalton, Clerk, Sunday
School Teacher, Youth Leader, Choir, served on
various committees
- Royalton Recreation
- South Royalton Town Band, member for 44
years, serving as Treasurer & Member
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Helping pack
meals for shut-ins
- Royalton 250th Birthday Celebration
- Chair for Royalton Old Home Day Parade



Lions Club

Heartland Lions Club

- President, Vice President, Secretary, Chair of
Sight Committee, Valentine's Dance Committee,
Tunbridge Fair Committee, Tail-Twister, Fall
Festival, Memory Tree, Traveling Lion

Vermont District 45 Lions

- Lion Tamer: 2014-2015
- Cabinet Secretary: 2016-2017, 2017-2018
- Organized first District service project: 2017
- Cabinet Recording Secretary: 2019-2020
- Communique Editor: 2018 to present
- Facebook Moderator: 2016 to present

- Attended two (2) Lions Conventions: *Chicago &
Las Vegas*
- Attended two (2) USA/Canada Forums: *Omaha
& Spokane*
- Graduated from Lions University, Bachelor:
September 2019, *Spokane Washington*
- Attended several NELC meetings
- Attended several GAT webinars
- Attending District Governor Elect Training
- Melvin Jones Fellow

Hobbies and Interest

- Music, giving back to my community



Kathleen (Kathy) Dorman

Candidate for 1st Vice District Governor

Lions Service History

Vergennes Area Lions Club

- ❖ Inducted April 2010
- ❖ Treasurer 2011-2015
- ❖ Director 2015-2016
- ❖ 3rd Vice President 2016-2017
- ❖ 2nd Vice President 2017-2018
- ❖ 1st Vice President 2018-2019
- ❖ President 2019-2020
- ❖ Vergennes Lion of the Year 2019

District 45

- ❖ Zone 2AB Chair 2020-2021, 2021-2022
- ❖ Vermont Lions Charities Alternate Director 2018 to present
- ❖ District Speak Out Co-Chair 2017 to present
- ❖ Global Membership Team 2020-2021

Other Community Service

- ❖ Saint Peter's Church
 - Parish Council (two three-year terms, ending March 2020)
 - Building and Grounds Committee (current)
 - Finance Committee (2005-2008)
 - Numerous volunteer activities including working at the thrift shop, rummage sale, cooking for various fundraisers such as the Harvest Dinner and Free Community Dinner.
- ❖ The Lippitt Club Vice President (promotion and preservation of the original-type Morgan horse)
- ❖ Vermont Morgan Horse Association member

Employment

- ❖ Finance Director for Addison County Community Trust in Vergennes. ACCT owns, leases and manages affordable housing in Addison County.

Personal

- ❖ Three children, ages 26, 30, 32
- ❖ Born and raised in Vermont
- ❖ Partner – Lion Jim McClay



Personal History

Married to Angela 24 Years

Son: Dillon

Daughter: Rachael

I have lived in Manchester Center for the past 25 years, Married and raised my two wonderful children here. My son is now 23 and my daughter is 21. My son works full time at Price Chopper while still living at home, he was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome at the age of 4. My daughter is in senior year at Franklin Pierce University, for her undergrad and off to Dentistry school in the fall. My wife works full time at the People's United Bank here in our town.

I am the proud caregiver to an old English bulldog named Oskar and four wonderful pugs, Owen, Miltzy, Lola and Zoe.

I am the District Manager for Jolley Associates managing 7 stores in southern Vermont. I have been working with Jolley for the past 5 years.

Travis M Wood

6136 Main Street

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Travis M Wood

President Manchester Lions Club.

Candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor



Phone: 802-782-2924

Travis M Wood

Skills:

I have over 25 years of leadership experience both Professionally and Volunteer. I have held many different rolls in organizations including:

- Wallingford Fire Dept
- Wallingford Rescue Squad
- Manchester Rescue Squad
- Vermont Special Olympics
- Manchester Lions Club
- United Counseling Service
- Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity
- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center
- Price Chopper Golub Corporation
- Maplefields RL Vallee
- Jolley Associates

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Started my Volunteer experience out as a Junior Firefighter with Wallingford Fire Dept moving up to Senior Firefighter when I was 18.

I was on the Wallingford Rescue Squad until my relocation the Manchester Vermont, transferring to Manchester Rescue, here I held the position of training supervisor, vice president and crew chief of my crew. I was certified at the EMT Advanced level when I retire to raise my children.

On Special Olympic (Northshire Delegation) I have held many positions from parent support to Basketball, Soccer and Snowshoeing coach. Currently I am the chairperson for the fundraising committee and Basketball and snowshoeing coach.

I joined the Manchester Lions Club in 2017 and have held the following positions, current President, Second Vice President, Elf Express co chairperson, Scholarship chairperson and Fundraising chairperson.

I have been on the board of directors for the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity Re Store for the past two years.

My Family



District News



Come and join DG Pam Nichols (or guests) for weekly chats
on Facebook

Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Vermont District 45 Lions

PU 101'S (also known as club officers – 2021-2022) Reports

Attention all Club Secretaries (and Club Presidents)

You must report to Lion Club International your club officers for 2021 – 2022 to Lions Club International by May 15, 2021. Besides club president, club secretary, club treasurer and club membership chairperson, you should also be reporting club service chairperson.

Please send copy of your report to 1st VDG Carol Green at vtlioncarol@gmail.com and Lion Kendal Holden at kendalholden188@yahoo.com.

Please make sure to update your club meeting nights, meeting time and meeting locations.



Hi, 2nd VDG Kathy here.
One of my goals for the year is to help my fellow Lions and the clubs of the District become more visible.
We are selling these shirts.
\$15 each.
Contact me or any of the DG team to purchase one.



District 45 Eyeglasses Delivered to New Jersey!!



EYEGLOSS

RECYCLING



Attention all Eyeglass recyclers

Bring your glasses to the May convention. They must meet strict guidelines or they will be returned to you.

- NO CASES
- NO INDIVIDUAL/ SINGLE LENSES
- NO GLASSES IN PLASTIC WRAPPED OR BAGGIES
- MUST REPORT THEM TO YOUR SECRETARY FOR INCLUSION INTO LCI REPORT

Name of club and count on every single box.

Thank you
Lion Beth Abustan
District 45 Eyeglasses Recycling Chair



District 45 Vision Screening May, 2021

We have survived 2020. It is Spring 2021, and the Lion year is coming to a close.

As Vision Screening Coordinator it has been a year I will never forget. Last year at this time, we had no idea what lay ahead or have any idea how to proceed. I must say, Lions **know** what to do in a crisis. We learned how to negotiate Zoom meetings, hold safe cabinet meetings (Kudos, DG Pam!) and figured out how to do vision screenings in safe though sometimes unconventional ways. 9 nurses stepped up and volunteered to do the screenings in their schools so Lions would not have to do so in person. Other Lions kept in close contact with their schools to be ready when the call came and it was thought safe for **them** to proceed...and proceed they did! As of April 25th, because of their ingenuity and commitment, **9099 children were reported screened** throughout the school year with **987 referrals** being made. Not bad when we questioned if we were even going to do ANY screenings at all this year. I could not be happier or prouder of everyone.

To compliment the program, I am working to add a new aspect to our Vision Screening. KidSight.org has created a training program where Visioneers can become "Certified Vision Screeners" adding a level of professionalism to the process. It will not be mandatory and will take minimal time to complete. I would encourage all our Visioneers to at least consider it and check it out online. I hope to provide more information about it at Cabinet meetings throughout the coming year.

I have begun to receive requests for camera reservations so I will be reviewing and tweaking the camera schedule in the coming weeks. If your club plans to screen this fall, please send me your request and I will try to accommodate everyone as best I can.

May you all have a safe and happy Spring. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Deb Savery
Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



Green Mountain Lions Camp Summer 2021

Greetings all Lions! The GMLC Committee has some sad news BUT some exciting news.

First the sad news. Unfortunately, camp this year will not be at Covenant Hills. Their board decided not to open the Covenant Hills campus this summer. So the committee went on an all-out push to find another location

NOW, the great news. **CAMP WILL STILL BE HELD!!!** We have found a new location: McIndoe Falls Inn (thanks Lion Patricia!!). It is a 200-year-old Bed and Breakfast Inn, nestled in the Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. The owners of the Inn are graciously renting the Inn to us for the same price we would be paying Covenant Hills.

The Green Mountain Lions Camp (pending some final approvals) is a go for this summer!!! We already have several campers pre-registered for the teen sessions. The CDC and State of Vermont just released summer camp guidelines so we will be reviewing those, updating our procedures to make sure everyone is safe. Most of the activities that we could do at Covenant Hills we can do at McIndoe Falls Inn but there are also additional options that we did not have at Covenant Hills.

Because of the new venue, we will not be having a clean-up day in June. However, we will need help collecting our camp supplies from Covenant Hill and transporting to the Inn. We don't have a specific day but we anticipate planning to do such the first week in July. We will definitely need Lions to help us set up and clean up at the end.

At this time, we do have a preliminary wish list: Vinyl tablecloths Tie-dying materials including white T-Shirts Large tent for doing crafts Tables and chairs Croquet Set Volleyball / badminton net. This is just a beginning. You will hear more from the committee on additional needs. Some of these items would be a purchase / donation while others would be borrowed (tent, tables, chairs).

Please talk amongst your members, your club, your zones to see how Vermont Lions may be able to help. Let us know at the Spring Convention but even afterword as we get ready for the 2021 GMLC version.

Please direct any questions or requests to our camp email address: greenmtnlionscamp@gmail.com as I am checking this several times each week.

I will also be updating our website to have all current information there. Our website address is: greenmtnlionscamp.wixsite.com/gmlcamp.

THANK YOU, Vermont Lions, for your continued support of the Green Mountain Lions Camp!

Respectfully submitted by PCT Brenda Seitz on behalf of the GMLC Committee!!!



Club News

Castleton Lions Club

Yes, we are the Castleton Lions Club, but our efforts and membership goes way beyond the boundaries of Castleton. In 2019 we gave away \$11,523 to charitable groups and those in need. During the GLOBAL PANDEMIC with nearly all our fundraising events cancelled in 2020, we gave away \$13,283. If you wonder where or how we share the money we raise here are a few examples...

Fair Haven Concerned, Project Graduation, Girl Scouts, Prouty Cancer Ride, SVUUSD Apple Fest, Conservation Camp scholarships, Adaptive Ski & Sports, Wreaths Across America, cost of glasses and hearing aids for those in need, District 45 20,000 meals program, ARC Rutland area, Cairo Mini Choppers, Fair Haven Playground, Keene Medical (medical assistance), Vt. Association for the Blind, RRMC Housing Project, Green Mountain Lions Camp, High School Graduate Scholarships and our Annual Kid's Halloween Event.

Please consider purchasing from our fundraiser....

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=5405915.7cb0be9>



2021 Lions Club International Peace Poster Winner



Barre Lions Club:



Lion Mark Tatro



Barre Lions Club Fundraiser Lion Harry Hinrichsen

Ok folks, let's make this fun contest grow.

Do you have a beard you're proud of?

Do you know someone you'd like to enter in the contest?

Enter and get your friends to vote?

A list of prizes will be updated soon. PM me if you'd like to be a prize sponsor.

Contest ends May 15th. Deadline to enter April 15th.

Just click on the contest link to enter or donate.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=292210545863150&id=1536493798

Donate \$20 and upload a picture to be a contestant.

Click on the donate button and give a contestant's name along with \$5 to vote for your favorite beard.

Colchester Lions Club:



The 14th annual Colchester Lions Club speech contest was held via Zoom on Wednesday night April 7th.

1st place was Fariha Nawar, Senior at Colchester High School, 2nd place was Gregory Roy, Junior at Rice

Memorial High and 3rd was Emma Pratt-Johnson, Sophmore at Colchester High School.

Thanks to District 33-A IPDG Colleen Oncay and Lion Jackie Dutil (Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club) for being guest judges for this year's contest.

Granville Lions Club:



Our patio furniture sales enable us to help our local community. Yesterday, the Granville Lions Club Foundation presented the Haynes House of Hope with a check for \$1,000 to help with its mission of caring for the terminally ill. Here, Granville Lions Foundation Treasurer Phil Weaver presents the check to Joanna Prouty, president of the board of directors of Haynes House.



WANTED!

Service-minded men and women interested in volunteering, leading projects, networking and having fun while helping your community.



Think you have what
it takes to be a Lion?
ASK ME HOW!





Granville Lions

Summer

Patio Furniture Sale

The Granville Lions invite their fellow Lions to check out their huge selection of Telescope Casual Furniture at their annual sale, which begins Friday, April 30 at the Granville Lions Warehouses just off Main Street (best GPS is 41 Main Street), 2 Lions Lane, in Granville, NY. The sale runs every weekend from May through Labor Day weekend, on Fridays from 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

This high-end furniture, perfect for pool, deck or patio, is offered at deeply discounted prices. Our warehouses are fully restocked with a great selection of furniture for every taste. Bring your Lions membership card to receive a 10% discount on your purchase!

For the most up-to-date information, check our Facebook page (Granville Lions Club) or our website, www.granvillelionsclub.com. For specific questions, call the warehouse during sale hours at 518-642-1261. We accept Visa, Mastercard and personal checks, as well as cash. Be sure to bring a truck or trailer to take your new furniture home!

Swanton Missisquoi Lions Club:

Raffle Proceeds to Benefit
Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions
TO PURCHASE TICKETS
email swantonlions@gmail.com
or call 802-582-2288

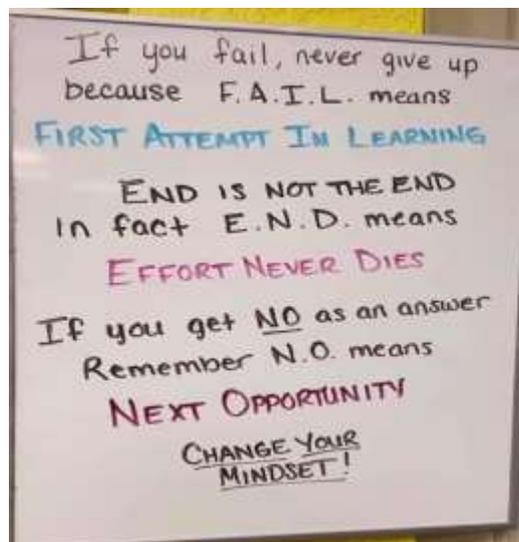


Tickets
\$10 each
or
3 for \$20

Drawing
to be
held
May 25,
2021

WIN
a set of
**Cornhole
Boards**

Cornhole Boards Crafted by Cadieux Creations



Deerfield Lions Club:

Hi,

There are 2 quickly approaching events from the Deerfield Valley Lions. Both are found on our website: www.dvvtlions.org

Open House, Sunday May 2, 11-3 at the Chamber of Commerce in Wilmington VT. A way to introduce Lions to those interested in the community, socially distanced. *Check out the attached posters.* Chaired by our Membership Director, Jenn Beach, from the Deerfield Valley Lions.

+ Info: check out the attached Word docs.

Deerfield Valley Lions Tag Sale, Saturday May 22 (rain date 5/23) 9-3 at the Whitingham Municipal Center in Jacksonville VT

- Raising money from the public for our charity causes.
- Raising money from members for our Admin fund (sales from members to members)

+ Includes a bake sale and raffle sales.

Lion Darlene Betit in charge.

Info at www.dvvtlions.org.

Thanks!

--Mark Hanna
Past President, Deerfield Valley Lions

SAVE THE DATE!!

Lions Club Open House

Sunday, May 2 2021 11:00 AM to 3 PM

Southern VT Chamber of Commerce

21 West Main Street Wilmington VT



Save this date – and join us for an Open House sponsored by the Deerfield Valley Lions. Meet current members and neighbors as you learn how Lions are serving the Deerfield Valley.

Who are the Lions?

Lions are active or retired businesspeople, teachers, farmers, contractors, sales and healthcare professionals, innkeepers, service members, etc. We are artists, athletes, gardeners, and cooks. Meetings are informal and friendly.

What do Lions do?

DELIVER tons of food to local families in need
PROVIDE free vision testing to kids in local schools
BUILD, paint, clean, sweep, and pitch in ... we show up to work!
SUPPORT local nonprofits and neighbors in need
RUN the Hungry Lion Bike Tour (supports our community work)
RAISE American Flags along Route 100 for holidays
PROVIDE a BBQ reward for local volunteers on Green-Up Day
FLIP our famous pancakes for charity
And much more ...

Could you become a Lion?

If you enjoy being active and would like to serve our community in a meaningful way, become a Lion. Think you're too busy? Busy people make the best Lions – and our Club has many worthwhile projects you can choose from. Learn more at our Open House on May 2. No reservation needed, just drop in and meet us!!

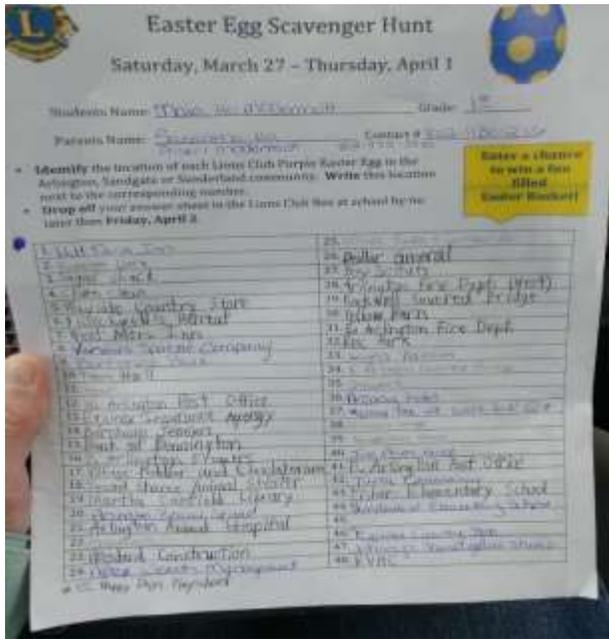
Feel free to contact Jenn at 413.824.1170 or jennvt99@yahoo.com.

Heartland Lions Club:



Many thanks to everyone that has donated plastic to the Heartland Lions Club recycling program. We have donated 2 of 3 benches today to Sharon Library and Royalton Library. Benches were delivered by Lion Mark Wood and Lion Walter Hastings. We are still collecting!

Arlington Lions Club:



The Arlington Lions Club held a community wide Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt from March 27 – April 1st. Participants searched for 48 eggs, which were hid amongst local businesses and landmarks. Twenty-two children participated in the event that were then entered into a random drawn raffle. Twelve (12) lucky winners names were drawn to win a fun filled Easter Basket!

The Lions Club would like to thank all of the following participating businesses and organizations • Hill Farm Inn • Rablogan Castle • Sugar Shack • Chem Clean Center • Wayside Country Store • Rockwell's Retreat • West Mountain Inn • Vermont Spatzle Company • Berkshire Bank • Arlington Town Hall • Heer • West Arlington Post Office • Equinox Insurance Agency • Burnham Jewelers • East Arlington Framers • Village Peddler and Chocolatorium • Second Chance Animal Shelter • Martha Canfield Library • Arlington Rescue Squad • Arlington Animal Shelter • Chauncey's • Woodard Construction • Apex Wealth Management • Miles Hardware • Dollar General • Boy Scout House Troop 334 • Arlington Fire Station • Stewarts • Arcady Hotel • Highway Department • Masonic Lodge • Inspection Center • Ira Allen Lodge • East Arlington Post Office • Turtle Foundation • Fisher Elementary School • Sunderland School • Arlington Area Childcare Happy Days • Mount Equinox Country Store • Johnny's Stained Glass Studio • Battenkill Valley Health Center.

We would like to especially thank both the Wayside Country Store, and the Village Peddler/Chocolatorium for donating goodies, which filled the Easter baskets.

NorShaft Lions Club:



My name is Karen Burnell and I have been chairing the very small Pill Bottle Project Committee for Norshaft Lions since June of 2020. There have been Norshaft Lions who have taken on this charge before me and done an exceptional job developing and maintaining the Project. I can speak to my experience and provide information as to how the Committee has functioned during the Pandemic as well as share the ideas that we would like to explore/implement once the health and resources of our community allow.

Matthew 25: Ministries located in Cincinnati, Ohio has been collecting empty plastic pill bottles for years to send with shipments of medical supplies to developing countries. Norshaft Lions is committed to supporting their efforts.

Reports of medical providers at clinics handing patients medicine in a piece of paper or tissue, due to lack of supplies, rather than a bottle to assure that the medicine remains clean, safe and available were compelling. Most Lions have these valuable bottles readily available right within our households, many of which may have ended up being recycled or deposited in our local landfills.

Norshaft's participation in this project, supports our club's current goals of Supporting Health, and Caring for our Environment.

Since June 2020, our club has sent 3955 bottles to the Ministries, with more to be prepared for shipment in the very near future. Due to the Pandemic and related restrictions, this was one our club's projects that could easily continue.

At the current time, the Ministries will accept any size, color, translucent prescription pill bottle, which has been thoroughly cleaned (remove labels, glue residue and washed). These bottles are sent with medical supplies. They will also accept over the counter pill bottles for recycling. Due to the cost of shipment to Ohio, we only send prescription pill bottles. If we receive over the counter pill bottles in our donations, we recycle them locally.

During the Pandemic, our members are our greatest source and provider of pill bottles. We have contact free drop offs at Bennington Tire, and at two of the committee members homes. In the near past, the Post Office, the Methodist Church, Urban Complete Car Care and the Elementary School, all in Shaftsbury, were collectors and/or drop off sites for bottles. Members would bring bottles to our monthly meetings.

The "work" of the committee right now is pretty simple. It includes:

- Physically collecting bottles
- Checking each bottle to assure labels and glue residue is completely removed
- Washing each bottle in hot soapy water, letting them dry.
- Sorting by color and type



- Place in zip lock bags, mark as CLEAN and with number of bottles in bag.
- Package in cartons and mail.
- The only expense right now, is the cost of Ziploc bags and shipping costs.

There are 3 of us that share this labor or love right now, Lions Karen Urbon, myself, and Jay Burnell assists as well.

As the risk of Covid 19 infection reduces and with the expansion of the Norshaft Lions now providing services to the towns of Bennington and Pownal, it is our hope to increase the reach of the project through contacts to elementary schools, churches and pharmacies. Social media will be utilized to inform the general public of the opportunity to recycle and reuse these bottles. In addition, we would like to locate a community partner who will assist us with shipping. The cost to mail approximately 300 bottles in a 16"x16"x17" sized carton is approximately \$48.00. Our current budget for mailing is \$800.00.

With expansion, will come the need to increase the budget and committee size, so we have more members available to prepare the bottles for shipping.

You can find additional information about Matthew 25: Ministries on their website www.m25m.org and their Pill Bottle Project at <https://m25m.org/pillbottles/>.

Joodi Archer, Special Programs Director can be reached at:

Matthew 25: Ministries
11060 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45242
joodi@m25m.org
1-513-93-6256

If you have additional questions about the Norshaft Pill Bottle Project, please feel free to contact me at kpb55vt@gmail.com.



New England News



Join Us



Our NELC Spring Meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, May 15, 2021 on Zoom ~8:30 AM- 1:00 PM~



Our guest speaker will be Lions Clubs International Third Vice President Dr. Patti Hill.

Schedule

8:50 AM-10:20 AM- NELC Business Meeting and District Governor's Reports.
10:20 AM-10:30 AM- Break
10:30 AM-10:55 AM- Seminar #1
10:55 AM-11:00 AM- International Director Mark Lyon
11:00 AM-11:50 PM- Lions Clubs International 3rd Vice President Dr. Patti Hill
11:50 PM-12:00 PM- Break
12:00 PM-12:30 PM- Deerfield Lions Club, VT- "Growing A Lions Club" -Lion Mark Hanna
12:30 PM-1:00 PM- Close of Meeting/ Discussion/ 2021-2022 NELC Year



Zoom Link: Meeting ID: **839 1536 4837**
Passcode: **481241**

Hope you can join us for all or part of our NELC Virtual Meeting. Please let all Lions know about this conference with Lions from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

TALES OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL UPDATE

APRIL 2021

URGENT!

Are you registered for the “Montreal” 2021 Lions Clubs International Convention yet? It is now virtual and you can attend from your own living room Or Your dining room Or Your patio

Are you registered as your club delegate? I need you to vote for me should I make the ballot! And we need you to vote for Lion Doug Alexander, LCI 1st VP, as our next LCI President!

Every club is entitled to one delegate for every 25 club members, or majority fraction thereof, as of May 2021! So if you have 31 members, you get one delegate, but 38 members means two delegates! Since the delegates do not cast votes in person this year, but virtually, there is no reason to not have every club voting this year. The only requirement to be a delegate is to be nominated as such by your club, and be registered as a delegate to the LCI Convention! It is that simple!

And the really good news? The reduced registration fee for the convention of \$50 has been extended to April 30, 2021. Even after the end of April, the registration is only \$75. Trust me on this one – you will never be able to attend a convention for this small of a registration fee again! And that is only part of the cost savings. Being virtual, you save on all expenses for travel, hotel rooms, food and anything else, such as a bar tab. While I enjoy the camaraderie of all Lions gathered for a convention, I am grateful that we can gather at all. Virtual is now part of our vocabulary.

A strong early registration from every club in New England will send a strong message of the need to elect another New England Lion to the LCI Board of International Directors. Please support me by registering as an attendee and delegate today!

Lion John W. Youney, PDG

Endorsed Candidate for ID



International News



June 25 - 29

Early bird registration ends March 31*

*The early bird registration rate ends March 31 at 11:59 p.m. CST

Virtual LCICon is the place to celebrate and connect with Lions from around the world.

Virtual Parade of Nations

Exclusive programming and exhibit experience

A unique flag ceremony

Learning opportunities to help you grow your service

Campaign 100 updates and recognition

Opportunities to participate and share

Inspiring talks led by our leadership

An inspiring LCIF experience

Exciting entertainment and performances



Visit lcon.lionsclubs.org for the latest convention news and updates.



Keynote Interview

Malala **Yousafzai**

As a young girl, Malala defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive an education first the first time. After surviving an assassination attempt in 2012, she became the youngest recipient to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. She was launched into the international spotlight as a humanitarian, a champion for leading by example, a voice for the underprivileged, for serving others, and improving the world through kindness.

How can you get involved with LCICon?



Join the Million Meal Challenge

Is your club up for the challenge?

Lions from around the world are coming together to reach the goal of feeding 1 million people before we kick off LCICon 2021. Join them!

- **Complete a hunger service project** in your community. Be sure to share your service on social using #lionsfighthunger and #LCICon2021.
- **Report your service by June 25** to be counted toward the goal of feeding 1 million people before convention.
- **Join us at Virtual LCICon 2021** to find out the results of the challenge.



More info coming soon to [LCICon.lionsclubs.org!](https://LCICon.lionsclubs.org)



REGISTER TODAY.

LCICon.lionsclubs.org



Use your camera to open the LCICon website.

Registration fee is \$75.00--- This will be a great and fun exciting event! Use Google Chrome for best coverage.

2021 Lions Clubs International Convention moving to virtual event

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- Registration is now open. The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at lcon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

[Register now](#)

VIRTUAL
LCICon2021
103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Individual Registration

Group Registration
Must be 10 or more run by an LCI Approved Group Coordinator

Modify an existing Registration

Lions Clubs International

Our Leaders
(2021-2022)
• Lions Clubs International •

Vote for:

Douglas Alexander
(1st President)

Brian Sheehan
(1st Vice President)

Dr. Patti Hill
(2nd Vice President)

Fabricio Oliveira
(3rd Vice President)

LCICon2021
103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
JUNE 25-29

Food from the Heart News

Springfield Lions Club:

Thank you to all that helped us reach new records this year. 684.4 lbs. of food was donated
\$365.00 was collected to be given to Family Center to be able to buy so much more food .
Thank you to all !!! Springfield area is the best with supporting whatever we are doing for the community!!



Colchester Lions Club:

Food Drive at J&J Market (photo on right) in Winooski – KL Lois – on-going. First collection was 40 pounds of food. 2nd collection was 50 pounds.

Broadacres Bingo (photo on left) – will continue to do Food Drive indefinitely. King Lion Lois presented their Plaque. (Pictures attached) First collection was 57.5 pounds of food. 2nd collection pending a weigh-in.



Middlebury Lions Club:



We collected a total of 2,200 pounds even of food; and we made over \$2,400 and are donating \$850 each to CVOEO, H.O.P.E., and Charter House Coalition.

Regards,
Lion Karen

LCIF Super Raffle News



DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



On behalf of the LCIF Super Raffle Committee, we would like to thank all the business's, the Lions Clubs of District 45 and the Individual Lions who were very generous in making donations to the 2020 – 2021 LCIF Super Raffle. Please support the business's and say 'thanks' to your fellow clubs and Lions for their support!!!





Turned Bowls by David McWilliams

Granville Lions Club Telescope Furniture Sales

2020-2021 LCIF Super Raffle: PDG Betsy MaGee and VDG Ken Emery, Co-Chairs

Committee Members: DG Pam Nichols (Londonderry Tri-Mountain), 1st VDG Carol Greene (Heartland), 2nd VDG Kathy Dorman (Vergennes), CS PDG Bob Wilcox (Arlington), PID Tom Broughton (Middlebury), PDG Merry Souza (Swanton-Missisquoi Valley), PDG Tommy Walz (Barre), Lion Carmelita Belisle (Colchester)

General News



NORTHEAST PIN SWAP

August 18– 21, 2021

Rutland Holiday Rutland, VT 05701

Registration fee of \$55.00 includes one trading table for Thursday and Friday, one registration pin, registration badge, bidding number for the auction, Hospitality room Thursday and Friday nights plus Saturday breakfast buffet. A special pin will be available for sale to breakfast attendees.

2021 NORTHEAST PIN SWAP

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest: _____

Registration: _____ @ \$55.00 = \$ _____

Extra trading tables _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Extra breakfast _____ @ \$25.00 + \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Room registration is \$109.00 plus tax per night. Room reservation by phone - 802-775-1911. Be sure to mention Northeast Pin Swap. Booking code: NEL. Free parking. About 10 minutes from Rutland Regional Airport. Make checks payable and mail to: Bruce Savery, 137 Maple Ridge Rd, Chester, VT 05143. If you have any questions you may email me at bsavery29@gmail.com or call at 802-289-1696.



Why report service

How do clubs and districts individually benefit from reporting service?

- » Reporting service helps transfer knowledge and best practices to your club's future leaders. Club officers can review past service activity reports, learn from the successes of the club's previous activities and better plan for their future activities.
- » Reporting service is a matter of local pride. Reporting puts your club on the map as leaders in your local community, and it's an important way to share success with other clubs in your district and around the world.
- » A high percentage of clubs reporting service is a sign of a healthy district.
- » Reporting service allows you to become eligible for service awards.

How do clubs and districts collectively benefit from reporting service?

- » Reporting shines a light on how and where local clubs are making a difference. This elevates the profile of Lions Clubs International as a global service club organization.
- » Service reports provide tangible evidence of our global engagement and impact to prospective partners of Lions Clubs International. These relationships strengthen the organization and yield benefits at the local level.
- » People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows clubs to continually engage communities, tell stories more effectively and ultimately grow their member base.

How does reporting service benefit the people we serve?

- » Service data helps everyone understand the needs of communities around the world and how our Lions and Leos are serving those needs.
- » Because service activities are scalable, one small service project can become the next global initiative of the organization. But Lions Clubs International is not aware of such projects unless they are reported.
- » Service data enables Lions Clubs International to identify best practices that can be shared globally.
- » Measurement leads to insight. Setting higher goals each year mobilizes the organization toward growth.
- » Service reports show how Lions and Leos around the world are using funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation grants to serve their communities. This visibility encourages Lions and Leos to think creatively about their own projects and apply for LCIF grants themselves.

Additional benefits

- » Reporting is the final step in completing a service project. If it's not reported, it's not done!
- » Reporting service is a lot like voting. You may think your report doesn't make a big difference, but the only way we'll be successful is if everyone does their small part.
- » Reporting is considered service in itself. The time clubs and districts spend reporting their service are considered volunteer hours, and can be reported in MyLion.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

