



## **The Communique**

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Lions Hello Lions,

With this being my 'final' Communique, I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to everyone for making this year a great and memorable one! I'm humbled and honored to have served as District Governor, for District 45.

First, I would like to say thanks to my girls, Lion Amy Greene, and Lion Pam Greene along with PDG Walter Hastings and my home club, Heartland Lions, for their support this year. Without them it would not have been possible. They were right there alongside me at every Lions event. I am very proud of them. Also, a special thanks to Lions from District 44N & 44H – your friendship is special! One goal that I had was to have a service project at every cabinet and this was accomplished with your help.

We started the year off in August 2021 in Arlington with packing backpacks for homeless shelters throughout the state.

In November 2021 we collected items for pediatric cancer patients at UVM Medical Center and DHMC. Not to mention the successful LCIF Super Raffle.

In March 2022 we continued to serve with packing meals, with 20,000 going to the Vermont Food Bank and local food pantries. This was possible with the help from Vermont Lions Charities and clubs purchasing meals.

In May 2022 thanks to Vermont Lions Charities, we added our Lions logo to the Vermont Green Up Poster and was a partner with them on this project. Clubs were out there cleaning up our state.

Vermont Lions you amaze me, nothing is impossible for this group.

Congratulations to the incoming DG Team.

Please keep that energy going. And continue to serve those in need!

Together we can!

Best, DG Carol



# District News

## District 45 Calendar

Date	Hosts – Event	Location
May 29, 2022 (Rain date 5/30/2022)	Kid's Fishing Derby	Book's Pond, West Haven, VT
June 5, 2022	<a href="#">LCIF Tell-A-Thon</a>	Virtual
June 18, 2022	Club Officer Training	Vergennes, VT
June 24-28, 2022	<a href="#">International Convention</a>	Montreal PQ
July 16, 2022	Lions Twin-State Soccer Games	Hanover, NH
July 23, 2022	Organizational Meeting	Home of Lion Charlie Shapiro, Ferrisburg, VT
August 12-14, 2022	<a href="#">SlamT1D Diabetes Wiffle Ball</a>	Essex, VT
August 13, 2022	Cabinet Meeting	American Legion, Chester, VT
August 16, 2022	Northeast Pin Swap	Rutland, VT
September 15-17, 2022	<a href="#">USA/Canada Forum</a>	Calgary, Alberta Canada
October 14-16, 2022	NELC	Boxborough, MA
November 5, 2022	Fall Conference & Super Raffle	Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT
January 6-8, 2023	NELC	Mystic, CT
January 28, 2023	Cabinet Meeting	The Canadian Club, Barre, VT
March 11, 2023	Cabinet Meeting	Mt. Anthony Country Club, Bennington, VT
April 28-30, 2023	Annual Convention	The Equinox, Manchester, VT
May 20-21, 2023	NELC	Rhode Island
July 7-11, 2023	International Convention	Boston, MA





Come and join IPDG Pam Nichols (or guests) for weekly chats  
on Facebook  
Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Vermont District 45 Lions

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The annual Lions Twin State Soccer Games / Cup are to be held Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at Hanover High School.  
Boys game at 1:00 p.m., girls at 4:00 p.m. (subject to change).





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District 45 would like to welcome (as of May 23rd) the following Lions to our district and association:

Maria Flores Belardo, Wenefrida Belenzo,  
Saudia Long, Jane Claire A. Mokasim,  
George Sales, Eufemia Osmer, Barre Lions  
Mary Sassel, Essex, Cheri Davis, Essex Jct Lions  
Eryn P. Ryan, Londonderry Area Tri Mountain  
Lions

Charles W. Denis, Eric Leno, Jennifer L. Murray,  
Louise Z. Whalen-Wright, Middlebury Lions  
Martha M. Cornwell, Norshaft Lions



# 2022 Spring Convention

## Some highlights .....

*Lion of the Year ....  
IPDG Pam Nichols*



*What fun .....Cornhole Tournament*



*A Cheerleader.....*

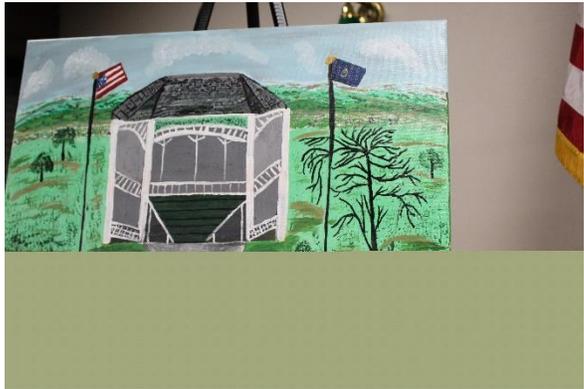


*Basket Raffle – Thanks to everyone with donations for  
Campaign 100*



*Musical Chairs .....*

*North Country Chordsmen*



*DG Gift painted by Lion Steve Nichols*

*Your District Governor Elect Team for 2022-2023:  
DGE Kathleen Dorman; FVDG Travis Wood, 2VDG Deb Savery*



LCIF Money Tree Raffle  
Winner: Lion Tanya Letourneau

Eye-glass Collection Awards...Lion Jeff Schroeder,  
Lion Tanya Letourneau, Lion Becky Nawrath



*PDG Toni Olden, District 44H &  
DG Carol*



*DG Virginia Edwards,  
District 44N & DG Carol*

***Banquet ..... Island Steel Drums***



***Our Guest Speaker  
Leo – Lion Brandon Johnson***





*Melvin Jones Awards*

*Eyeglass Recognition*



*PCDT Loreen Teer &  
DG Carol Greene*

*To end the convention .....  
Memorial service and plans for upcoming 2002-2023 Year*



# Club Officer Training

Club Presidents/Vice Presidents  
Secretary      Treasurer  
Membership Chairman  
Zone Chairman    LCIF Coordinator

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**

**9:00 am - 2:00pm**

Champlain Valley Christian Reformed Church  
73 Church St., Vergennes, Vermont  
Registration \$20.00 per person  
Registration deadline: Monday, June 13, 2022

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

Club Name and Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address  
\_\_\_\_\_

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# Club News

**Green Up News** - Clubs that took part in the Vermont Green Up Service Project.



*Windsor Lions*



*Barre Lions*

## *Heartland Lions*



*Arlington Lions*



Castleton Lions and Helper Lions  
Green Up Day  
May 7, 2022



Lions Mary McIntyre, Jeff Schroeder, Pat Schroeder, Shannon Taylor with helper Emma, and Katy-Sue Belden with helper Sawyer spent 14 volunteer hours collecting 21 bags of trash for Lions Green Up Day. Taking the photo is Lion Bob McIntyre.

## Castleton Lions Club

\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\*\*

Castleton Lions Club's  
Annual Kids' Fishing Derby  
May 29, 2022 (rain date 5/30)  
Book's Pond, West Haven, VT  
10 a.m. Registration

Derby starts at 11 a.m. ends at 1 p.m.

Ages- 0 thru 12 years old

Bring your own fish pole and gear

FREE hot dogs, soda and drinking water 😊

NO PREREGISTRATION FORM NEEDED- Register at event beginning at 10 AM. Information sheets will be distributed at the Castleton, Fair Haven, Benson and Orwell elementary schools



The Castleton Lions Club is sponsoring a Coach Pitch Baseball Team this year. We thought you might enjoy a photo. We are so honored to be able to serve our local youth!

-Lion Pat Schroeder

**Fri. May 13 - HOME GAME**

5-6PM

KB Building & Remodeling @ Castleton Lions Club  
Castleton Elementary School

**Fri. May 20**

5-6PM

Castleton Lions Club @ Greg's Hair Salon  
1020-1536 [VT 7B, Clarendon, VT 05759](https://www.vt7b.com/)

**Thur. May 26 - HOME GAME**

5-6PM

VELCO @ Castleton Lions Club  
Castleton Elementary School

**Wed. June 7**

5-6PM

Castleton Lions Club @ A. Cota  
Chippenhook Field



# Join the World's Largest Celebration of Service

by Lion Brian Sheehan - Lions Clubs International  
1st Vice President

I am so excited to invite each & every one of you to join me for the world's largest celebration of service: the 2022 **LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon** on Sunday, June 5th from 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago) / UTC-05.

This year's **Tell-A-Thon** is focused on celebrating Lions' service across the globe; service that is empowered by your donations to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The 4-hour **Tell-A-Thon** will inspire you with stories of service, music, entertainment and special celebrity cameos from humanitarians, award winning musicians and actors, a legendary coach, and a Super Bowl MVP!

What are you waiting for? Register at [www.tellathon.org](http://www.tellathon.org)

Don't stop there... this is the perfect opportunity to share our Lions' story with your family, friends and community! Why not create a viewing party and invite your partners and community to join in the fun?

You can use this opportunity to share information about your club's impact on your community, conduct a vision screening or other service project. You could even sell food, hold a silent



RESERVE THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE  
[www.tellathon.org](http://www.tellathon.org)

auction or conduct raffles to raise funds for LCIF!

## Every Lion, Every Club...

Speaking of raising funds, we are asking every Lion and every Club to join Lion Lori and I in supporting LCIF with a donation that will empower our service for years to come. Our **goal is to raise \$2 million through the Tell-A-Thon!** So whether you donate \$5 or \$50,000, know that every dollar you donate will be used to change lives.

There are a number of ways to donate and every donation to the **Tell-A-Thon** is eligible for LCIF recognition programs, including Melvin Jones Fellowship:

Online: <https://lionsclubs.org/givetoday>

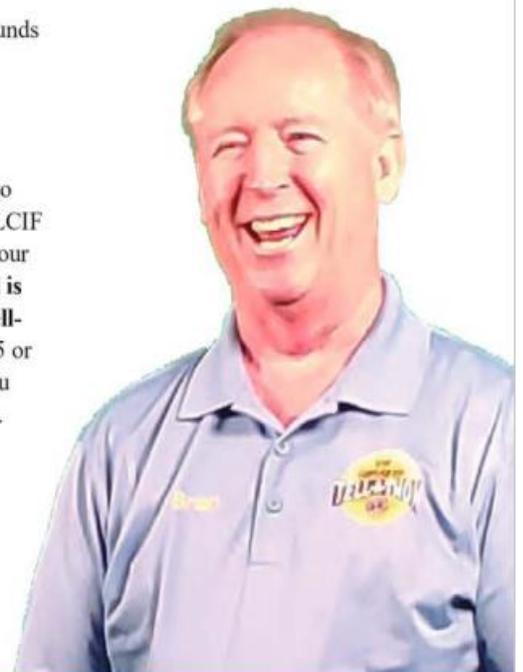
## Check Made & Remitted to:

LCIF Tell-A-Thon  
c/o Lions Virtual  
P. O. Box 259288  
Madison, WI 53725

For all the latest **Tell-A-Thon** news, visit the [Lions Virtual Facebook](#) page.

For more information about the **Tell-A-Thon**, model clubs and major donation opportunities, contact Lions Virtual @ [lionsvirtual@gmail.com](mailto:lionsvirtual@gmail.com)

Thank you for all you do and your support of the **LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon!**



Every Lion... Every Club | working together to raise **US\$2 million**



Dear Campaign 100 & LCIF Coordinators,

I am personally inviting you to join me in supporting the LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon that is being held Sunday, June 5th from 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago).

This event is being organized by Lions Virtual, in partnership with Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lion volunteers from across the globe. The Tell-A-Thon is designed to tell the Lions' story while raising funds for our Foundation. Along with sharing our story, the program includes music, entertainment and special surprise celebrity cameos from Grammy Award winning artists, Emmy Award winning actors and a Super Bowl MVP!

As we reach the end of Campaign 100, the Tell-A-Thon offers an opportunity for one final push to get every Lion to support the life-changing work that LCIF funds. To this end, I am asking you to do five things:

1. Register for the Tell-A-Thon @ [tellathon.org](http://tellathon.org)
2. Encourage every Lion in your area to register for the Tell-A-Thon @ [tellathon.org](http://tellathon.org)
3. Donate \$20 or more to LCIF through the Tell-A-Thon @ [lionsclubs.org/givetoday](http://lionsclubs.org/givetoday)
4. Share the attached Tell-A-Thon article &/or ad with:
  - every Lion in your District
  - your District and Multiple District publications
5. Visit Lions Virtual on Facebook
  - share Tell-A-Thon posts across your personal, District & Multiple District social media accounts

Our Foundation is near and dear to all of us and this is the perfect opportunity for us to showcase all the amazing service projects that LCIF funds across that globe. Feel free to reach out to our Tell-A-Thon Executive Producers Jodi Burmester & Daniel Marney Elkins @ [lionsvirtual@gmail.com](mailto:lionsvirtual@gmail.com) if you have questions or need further information.

I will be emceeing this event and know it is one that you won't want to miss! Whether you drop in for a few minutes or watch the entire show, it will be time well-spent.

With deep appreciation,

Brian E. Sheehan, Lions Clubs International 1st Vice President



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*100% of funds raised benefits Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100*



100% of funds raised benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100 & qualify for all LCIF recognitions



[lionsclubs.org/givetoday](https://lionsclubs.org/givetoday)

MUSIC · ENTERTAINMENT · CELEBRITIES · SPORTS LEGENDS · SO MUCH MORE...

**LCIF  
CAMPAIGN 100**

**TELL-A-THON**



**June 5th**

presented by [LionsVirtual.org](https://LionsVirtual.org)

# World's Largest Celebration Of Service

**Sunday, June 5th**

10 am - 2 pm pm CDT (Chicago) / UTC-05

**REGISTER NOW**

[party.tellathon.org](https://party.tellathon.org)

LCIF District Coordinator

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District 45**

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In 2018 an ambitious campaign to raise 300 million in 3 years was created. The goal for Campaign 100 was to empower Lions to serve 200 million people each year. Raising these funds it would help to ensure we would continue to have the resources to increase our service impact. In 2020 after evaluating the impact that the COVID-19 crisis was having on Campaign 100, LCIF extended the duration of Campaign by one year. As a whole globally the campaign has reached 271.7 million. We are now on our final 2 months of the campaign, our hope is to continue to excel to District 45's ambitious goal of \$200,168. Currently our total funds raised including pledges is \$175,070.73, with 65.65% club participation and 88.96 % of our goal. Although \$25,097.27 remains to complete our goal, we should all be very proud and not give up. There are several ways you can continue to help reach our goal.

1. Completing a new pledge or donation whether it be Online. Pledge form: [C100 Online Pledge Form](#)
2. Complete a fundraiser specifically for C100
3. Become a Model Club
4. Participate in LCIF Campaign 100 Telathon, Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10<sup>am</sup>. **All donations via the telathon through the proper link will count to our MJF and Campaign 100 credit.**

At our recent spring convention we raised \$2002 dollars between the battle of the boards corn hole challenge, musical chairs, countdown to campaign 100 raffle, basket raffle and the lunch box social. Thank to all who participated in any way, it was so very much appreciated. Special thanks to District Governor Carol who supported and allowed all the campaign 100 fundraising during her convention.

**Respectfully**

**PDG Merry Souza**

802-582-2288, [pdgmerry@gmail.com](mailto:pdgmerry@gmail.com)

## TALES OF THE SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE - May 2022

Once again, I ask all of us to pray for all Ukraine that comes to their senses this destruction and killing can stop. While there were then 4 million refugees who fled the country as of last month's "Tales", with another 10-12 million are displaced from their homes. Currently, the refugees exceed 9 million people, with over one-quarter of the country displaced from their homes and subject to relentless bombings of even schools and civilian shelters. There are about 600 -700 Lions still in Ukraine and their clubs are still active. They were offered dues relief by LCI but they refused such action. They have received direct LCI financial assistance to continue their new service of providing relief to the Ukrainian people. LCIF's "Refugee and Displaced Persons" fund has provided relief services in many Eastern European countries as well. Several European Districts have also provided direct financial support totaling tens of millions dollars, it has been reported. PLEASE - donate what you can to this LCIF project. This is each of the US, and OUR Foundation, working for humanity once again.

To the normal update:

Spring has sprung, at least some days here in Central Maine. The trips have continued, along with a couple of Zoom conventions in Iowa and Pennsylvania. Iowa 9NW was planned, but the Pennsylvania 14G was unplanned as we developed very mild but clearly positive Covid, despite Vaccines and boosters. They probably kept it at bay mostly, along with the antiviral drugs. Fortunately, we cleared with plenty of time to attend the LCI Board meeting.

LCI Board meetings are the "run the business side" of this director position. For me it was formal and informal meetings interspersed with long committee sessions. Being the vice-chair of Constitution and By-Laws is a busy slot on a busy committee capably led by the chair Lion Shay Nickels, an Associate Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court. We are joined by Daisuke Kura, a Japanese trial lawyer, and PIP Al Brandel. I believe that we are a strong team with trial lawyers balanced by a Lion who knows the Lion players around the world where disputes have arisen. The combination makes the work interesting with a sense of history and local traditions. Karol and her fellow Partners-in-

Service did projects, such as renovating a park one day. Karol spent much time shoveling and raking stone but was able to work with local Lions and be outdoors!

For several months, I have closed each "Tales" with ten ideas for finding new members (totally stolen from other Lions). The response continues warming, so here are ten more ideas:

31. Find the virtual world - build a website get a social media presence.
32. Have members use their social media contacts to promote projects.
33. Put posters in public areas.
34. Ask companies and employers to sponsor memberships and pay dues.
35. Recognize and reward Lions who bring in new Lions.
36. Create more FUN!
37. Give a 3-month guarantee of satisfaction or dues & fees returned.
38. Invite the media to cover well-known speakers.
39. Use word of month.
40. Have Lions network with coworkers, friends, and family.

Another ten next month!

Enjoy Lions! Please take care of your Lions and yourself, as well as your communities.

I thank all of you again for this honor to serve Lions and the world. We promise that we will do our best to represent all Lions world-wide.

Lion John W. Youney,  
International Director 2021-2023,  
& Lion Karol Kish Youney





**VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45**  
**2022-2023 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022**

**TIME: 11:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Location: Vergennes Lion Charlie Shapiro has graciously offered the use of his barn located at  
628 Robinson Road, Ferrisburgh, Vermont.**

**Registration: \$15.00 each**

**Registration Deadline – Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Who Should Attend?**

**ANYONE! District Leadership Team, Past District Governors, Club Officers, Zone Chairs and all Lions who want to learn more about our clubs and our plans for 2022-2023.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name & Position \_\_\_\_\_

District Position \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Attending @ \$15 per person

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM (before July 18<sup>th</sup>) with a check payable to **Vermont D45** to:

**CS Pat Schroeder**

**1314 E Hubbarton Road**

**Castleton, VT 05735**

Or email [topsun@comcast.net](mailto:topsun@comcast.net)

Be sure to mark these important dates  
on your calendar for the 2022-2023 year:



# WE SERVE

## Vermont Lions District 45 Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

July 23, 2022	Organizational Meeting	Home of Lion Charlie Shapiro Ferrisburgh, VT
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## Dear Lion Leader,

The time to train your incoming club officers is approaching. Don't miss these opportunities!

### Courses

For the latest information, be sure to encourage your club leaders to access the Lions Learning Center offered by Lions Clubs International. Under "Course Catalog," there are four courses available for their use:

- Club Officer Training
- Club President Responsibilities
- Club Secretary Responsibilities
- Club Treasurer Responsibilities

### Making a Plan: Exceptional leadership starts with a great plan

Take the time to review the [Club Quality Initiative Program](#) with your officers to discover how to make a great club even better!

Also, review the **Plan for your Club's Success** with them. Use The [planning guide](#) and [PowerPoint](#) to help clubs discover their strengths, ways to improve and new opportunities that will help their club grow and thrive. Planning forms help develop a vision, assess their club's needs and organize plans for successful implementation.

### Webpages and e-Books

Lions Clubs International has designed webpages for each of the club officers. Every webpage provides materials and resources, as well as e-Books, to assist the officer as they serve in their role. Take a moment to visit the seven club officer webpages and familiarize yourself with them so you are able to inform your elected officers.

- [Club President/First Vice President](#)
- [Club Secretary](#)
- [Club Treasurer](#)
- [Club Membership Chairperson](#)
- [Club Service Chairperson](#)
- [Club Marketing Chairperson](#)
- [Club LCIF Coordinator](#)

### Social Media

If you are a Facebook user, visit us at [Improving Lions Club Quality](#). Here you will find helpful information from Lions around the world. You can post questions, comments, stories and share new ideas to improve your club quality.

As you prepare for your year, please contact us if you have any questions. We can be reached by phone at (630) 468-6890 or by email at [clubofficers@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubofficers@lionsclubs.org).

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Division  
Support Team





# 46th USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum

**Where:** Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
**When:** September 15-17, 2022



**Register:** [lionsforum.org](http://lionsforum.org)  
**Early Registration Ends:** May 31, 2022  
**Early Registration:** \$285.00

The Forum's mission is "To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International (LCI)."



Join us on our adventure as we  
**"Stampede to Lead!"**

**Register:** [lionsforum.org](http://lionsforum.org)

