



The Communique

District 45 – Vermont Lions: In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship
August 2023

From The Desk of the District Governor,

Happy August Fellow Lions!! What a start to our year!!

Let me start out by saying THANK YOU! Everyone in our District has stepped up to the plate this month with the flooding that our State has experienced. District 45 Lions were on scene days before ARC and FEMA, we were taking care of our neighbors the very next day! We still have a lot of work to do to assist our neighbors with the disaster. We have received and spent the grant from LCIF. We were able to supply over 98,000 bottles of water \$3000.00 in food, \$2000.00 in clothes and blankets as well as purchase \$1000.00 in cleaning supplies. With your generosity and the help of Vermont Lions Charities, we are still able to help in the coming months, long after the ARC and Fema have moved on.

Convention was amazing, a great time was had by all! Thank You all for your support! It means a lot to me.

We are on our way to the first summer forum. I know some may have questions as to why I renamed the “cabinet Meeting”. Let me give you the reasons, first there still will be a cabinet meeting at the Forums, however,

much more goes on than just a meeting, there are training sessions, speakers, service projects, roundtable you the reasons, first there still will be a cabinet meeting at the Forums, however, much more goes on than just a meeting, there are training sessions, speakers, service projects roundtable discussions, and may good ideas that are shared, I do not want anyone feeling that they are on an island alone with their concerns, success and failures, we all share in them, so what better way to rise above and come out on top, than with a team behind you! I hope many of you will have come to the Organizational meeting, if you did not get a chance, no worries, our first Forum is August 19th at the Springfield VFW. As always, if you have a concern or suggestion, please feel free to reach out to myself or anyone on our team! We are here for you.

Lots of good information coming out at the Forum, hope to see you all there.

Keep up the GREAT work you all do!
I'm proud of you all!!

Lets ROAR!!

DG Travis



District 45 – Calendar

**Would you like to see your club highlighted?
Please email information to:
communique@vermontlions.org**

Date	Hosts – Event	Location
July 29, 2023	District 45 Organizational Meeting	Danby, VT
August 6, 2023	District 44N Cabinet Meeting	Rivendell HS, Orford, NH
August 10-14, 2023	Norwich Lions Fair	The Green, Norwich, VT
August 11-13, 2023	Slam T1d Whiffleball Tournament	Essex, VT
August 15-18, 2023	Northeast Pin Swap	Rutland, VT
August 19, 2023	Summer Forum	VFW, Springfield, VT
August 26, 2023	Orleans Lions Club	Lake Willoughby
	Horseshoe Tournament	N Beach Parking Lot
September 17, 2023	Champlain Valley Lion Charter	Duke’s Public House,
	Luncheon	South Burlington, VT
September 21-23, 2023	USA/Canada Forum	Reno, NV
September 23, 2023	NELC Breakfast	Reno, NV
October 13-14, 2023	NELC Fall Weekend	TBA, New Hampshire
October 2023	Fall Forum/Super Raffle	Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT
January 5-6, 2024	NELC Winter Weekend	TBA, Newport, RI
January 2024	Winter Forum/Meal Packing	Canadian Club, Barre, VT
March 2024	Spring Forum	TBA
May 17-18, 2024	NELC Spring Weekend	TBA. Vermont



Arlington Lions

The Lions motto is “We Serve”. Yesterday, Arlington Lions John and Susan Toth and Jeanne McDermott packed 45 lunches that will be delivered today to flood relief workers in Londonderry. Lions all over Vermont are rolling up their sleeves to serve their communities, and we are proud to help!



Essex Junction Lions

Engagement announcement



Congratulations to Lions Rachel Norris & Rory McLaren

Rory proposed to Rachel at her family's home on June 13.

Rory hand made the engagement ring for the proposal, using materials, he was able to source from antique stores and vintage stores.



Champlain Valley Lions

The new Champlain Valley Lions at its July 3rd Food Drive at the Hannaford in South Burlington by the University Mall. Lions Club volunteers collected 271 pounds of food and \$143 for the South Burlington Food Shelf! Service isn't just meaningful; it is also a lot of fun! The new club of 24 charter members is off to a flying start.

#KindnessMatters #LionsClub #VermontLions



A WARM LIONS WELCOME!

Vermont's newest Lions Club, the **Champlain Valley Lions**, will be honored at a Charter Luncheon on September 17 at Duke's Public House in South Burlington. Hosted by Middlebury and Essex Junction Lions clubs, this luncheon will officially welcome Champlain Valley to District 45 & Lions worldwide. *Stay tuned for more info on the celebration!*



IPDG Kathy Dorman (Guiding Lion), Lions Russ Hayden, Rosella Duarte, Patience Merriman, Jackie Dutil

On June 26, 2023, the Champlain Valley Lions became the newest Lions club!

It's 24 charter members serve the south side of Burlington city, the UVM campus, South Burlington, and Shelburne. Every member, except four, is

brand new to Lions. The club is excited to take on the challenge of becoming organized and has great energy. Says Mark Hanna, the club's president, "We are all learning and looking forward to our first full year." Already, members have several service projects under their belt: with the club's origins dating to October 2022. Membership has been a central focus, and even established a position of "Member Care Chair."



The vibrant new club meets monthly on Zoom as well as two very nice, member-friendly locations, in South Burlington and Shelburne. Check out its Social Media, here:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChamplainValleyLions>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ChamplainValleyLions>



CASTLETON LIONS 75 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Castleton Lions Club was chartered in November 1947.

The club members, instead of having the traditional banquet celebration, decided to take a different approach. Two events were planned.

The first event was a First Responders Breakfast completed on May 6, 2023. This was a celebration breakfast for "those who also serve". 23 local and surrounding area emergency service workers attended. The Lions plan to continue this event and to expand it to include 1st Responder family members. The American Legion #50, Castleton, was a co-sponsor.

The second event was making a parade float and participating in the Memorial Day Parades of Castleton and Fair Haven. The parades occurred on May 27, 2023, at 10am and 1pm, respectively.

On the float, long serving Lions were featured along with a few of the youth from our Lion sponsored youth baseball team. The walkers in the parade wore "sandwich boards" which featured LCI service area emblems on the front of the boards. On the back of the boards, how our club supports the specific service area was featured. All service areas were represented.

Our club so enjoyed our celebrations that we plan to continue these events next year. After all, every Lion year is a celebration of service. Celebrate our service with our communities and roar!





ORLEANS LIONS CLUB HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT '23

SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH

LAKE WILLOUGHBY'S NORTH BEACH PARKING LOT

**Sign-up at 9:00 am
Start Time at 10:00 am**

\$30 per team, max of 40 teams

4 pits with shoes provided

Double Elimination

Rules to be posted

Cash prizes

Please – no dogs



Green Mountain Lions Camp – 2023

Camp was a great success despite getting pretty much washed out by the rain.

The campers were safe and happy despite been cut off for a few hours with route 2 closed both east and west. A lot of anxious parents about road closures. The bad weather didn't put a stop to most of our activities we were able to play badminton volleyball and 4 square in Taylor barn.

A local artist came and did crafts with the campers on Monday and Wednesday. We did several field trips to Fairbank Museum, butterfly house, Clarkes trading post in Lincoln NH and VINS.

Camp always needs a bonfire and smores, we had it on Tuesday night, our only dry evening.

A special thanks to Lion Drew Perry Essex Lions for cooking Sunday lunch and dinner and the extra pasta salad and coleslaw.

And Lion Sandra Brutkoski our nurse from Sunday till Wednesday morning from Brandon Forest Lions club.

Lion Woody Stoddard for coming on Opening day with chalk and 4 ball supplies.

Lion Patrick McWilliams who washed all the dishes at camp because the dishwasher was broken.

Unfortunately, camp ended early because of the risk of further bad weather on Sunday. On Saturday, 2 of the councilors came to Twin State Soccer game.





Vision Screening Report

August 2023

The kids are still out on summer vacation, many clubs are still on hiatus. District 45 had a wonderful year for vision screening our youngsters. We were able to help many, with referrals, get professional help making their quality-of-life so much better. Well, as great as that was, this coming year may see Lions go even further.

Things are far from quiet on the vision screening scene. There are things in the works that may be instrumental in opening doors and making it possible for us to do even greater screenings. There are people out there that are working hard to open those doors to schools for us that were not receptive in the past but may be more ready to allow us to screen in the future. We may even be able to offer an additional service that we have not had before, *BUT that is all you get about that for now*. Stay tuned and be ready to hear about some exciting things to come. Vision screening is developing into an even greater project for Lions so get your teams ready, attend the Forums (formally cabinet meetings), read all your emails and be ready to be amazed!

Soon there will be a new camera schedule sent out to clubs for the 2023-2024 Lion year. I would like to commend you all for being so flexible through the pandemic and, dare I say, post pandemic scheduling's, making it possible for multiple clubs to use the same camera. I want to remind you all that the VLC cameras are "hosted" by certain clubs as a courtesy to VLC and I thank you all for doing this. This makes it possible to house the cameras in convenient locations limiting the distance needed to pass off the cameras from one club to another. As Lions we work together to provide this service to the children of Vermont, so it is just as important that the exchange of cameras be done smoothly and courteously. I have been impressed with how this has been done in the past and expect that Vermont Lions will continue to show their commitment to this project with consideration, kindness, and appreciation to one another.

My plan is to send out the camera schedules sometime in August, but I will submit it to the Communique for the September issue as well. If you need to know which clubs are hosting a camera, that information will be available to you in the district directory along with the coordinator for each camera.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and remember to keep your eye out for the exciting information coming later this year regarding future vision screenings.

Yours in Kindness and Gratitude,

VDG Deb Savery, Vermont Lions Vision Screening Coordinator





Members of the new *Champlain Valley Lions* club are learning about Lions' KidSight vision screening camera, hands-on.

CVL Lion Rosella Duarte (L) is trained by Lions Pat & Jeff Schroeder from Castleton Lions, with CVL president Mark Hanna (R) filling in as the student being screened. The Shelburne Vermont's Pierson library, one of the club's two monthly meeting places.

Learning . Entertaining . Connecting

Lions Serving Lions



Upcoming Events

Congress for Global Communications & Lions Virtual present

CALL TO ACTION: Lions & Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address 17 global challenges, including those related to quality education, gender equality, good health & well-being, peace, justice & strong institutions, climate change, financial & wealth equity.

Join Congress for Global Communications & Lions Virtual to learn more about 6 of the 17 SDGs and how we can work together to create awareness and initiatives around them.



August 12

8:00 am CDT / GMT-5

REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/LionsSDGs>





TALES OF THE SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

July 2023

THANK YOU!

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Karol and I wish to thank you so very much for all your and support for these last two years serving as an International Director for the Lions of the world. Plus, we cannot thank you enough for all your encouragement in what turned into a three-year campaign to be elected thanks to a pandemic.

The ride was a joy meeting Lions from all over this planet, and working hand in hand with our Executive Officers, 34 other elected Directors, a few Board appointees each year, and the magnificent staff, to make sure that Lions International met your needs to serve your communities. I trust we did so for these last two years.

Then there were all the trips to Multiple Districts across North America greeting the Lions there, and hopefully motivating them to continue in their service with renewed fervor. Those trips led us to the "Lions on the ground" if you will. They keep the IDs grounded in our service to them!

Next month I will discuss the last formal business of the Board, as well as the joys of LCICON Boston 2023. (MD 33 did a great job hosting all of us!)

I thank all of you again for this honor to serve Lions and the world. We trust that we have done our best to represent all Lions worldwide.

Many thanks again!

Lion John W. Youney,
Past International Director 2021-2023,
& Lion Karol Kish Youney,
Partner-in-Service

Congratulations to International Director, Steven Middlemiss, from District 44H

*Best
wishes*



Meet our leaders for the 2023-24 Lions Service Year



Congratulations to
Our Leaders
2023 - 24

☆ LIONS INTERNATIONAL ☆

				
Dr. Patti Hill Int'l President	Brian Sheehan LCIF Chairperson	Fabricio Oliveira 1 st Vice President	A P Singh 2 nd Vice President	Mark Lyon 3 rd Vice President

CHANGING THE WORLD



New England Lions Council

Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England



2023/2024 NELC WEEKENDS, OTHER DATES & CONTACTS

The following represent the NELC Weekend (& other) Dates for Lion Year 2023-2024. These weekends and events represent a high level of sharing, learning and fellowship harking back to the foundations of Lionism within New England. We request that all Lion leaders become active in, and support, NELC.

No District or MD events are to be scheduled against these dates. All New England Governors are expected to be at NELC Weekends and Event(s).

<u>WEEKENDS:</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>HOST</u>
• Fall Weekend	October 13-14, 2023	New Hampshire
• Winter Weekend	January 5-6, 2024	Newport, RI
• Spring Weekend	May 17-18, 2024	Vermont

<u>OTHER EVENT(s):</u>		
• USA/Canada Lion Forum	Sept. 23, 2023	2023 Reno NELC Breakfast

2023-2024 NELC Board of Directors

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New England Lions Council (NELC)

"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"

2023 USA/Canada Leadership Forum, Reno, Nevada,

Saturday, September 23

BREAKFAST GATHERING - 7AM

Doors Open at 6:45 AM

Circus Circus Convention Center - Mandalay Ballroom -B

Keynote Guests: TBA

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Registration: \$40.00

Buffet to Include:

- Freshly cut Fruit and Seasonal Berries;
- Coffee, assorted Hot Teas, Assorted Chilled Juices, and Variety of Freshly Baked Pastries
- Scrambled Eggs
- Maple Bread French Toast & Maple Syrup - Sugar-Glazed Pecan French Toast (Cinnamon Cream)
- Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon and Sausages

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLUB: _____ CLUB POSITION: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Number Attending: _____ X \$40.00 = _____ Total

Make Check Payable to:

NELC

Mail Check/Form to:

PDG Norm Hart, Treasurer

74 Main Street,

Canaan, ME 04924

Registration Deadline: September 8

Questions or Special Dietary Needs to: PDG Dom Branco, President

Cell/Text: 401-714-2819 or email: liondbranco@verizon.net



District 44N Cabinet Meeting
August 6, 2023



Celebrating 100 years of Service!

Location: Rivendell Academy, 2972 NH 25A, Orford NH 0377

Registration: 8:45 AM

Meeting: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$22.00 per person



Meal: Pulled pork, pulled chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and cupcakes. Water will be provided.

Deadline for reservations is Saturday, July 29.

Please send your payment to: CST Gregg Kleiner
PO Box 94
Keene NH 03431

Attendees: _____

Club: _____ Amount remitted: \$ _____

NORTHEAST PIN SWAP 2023

August 15–18, 2023

Comfort Inn, Rutland, VT 05701

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest: _____

Phone#: _____ Email: _____

Registration: _____ @ \$55.00 = \$ _____

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

Extra breakfast _____ @ \$25.00 + \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Room registration is \$119.00 plus tax per night. Room reservation by phone - 802-775-2200. Be sure to mention Northeast Pin Swap. Booking code: NEL. Free parking.

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.



Summer Forum Registration Form
 8:30 am-3:00 pm
 Saturday August 19th
 Springfield VFW
 115 River St
 Springfield VT 05156

Name: _____
 Club: _____
 Position: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____
 Please indicate food Allergy, and special requests: _____

Cost \$25.00 per person Please make checks out to Vermont District 45 Lions

Deadline for registration is Monday August 14th. Any reservations after will be accepted, food will not be guaranteed if you register after the 14th.

Please mail checks and registration forms to CS Tanya Letourneau 55 Jericho RD Essex Junction Vt 05452



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District 45 - Parade of Nations



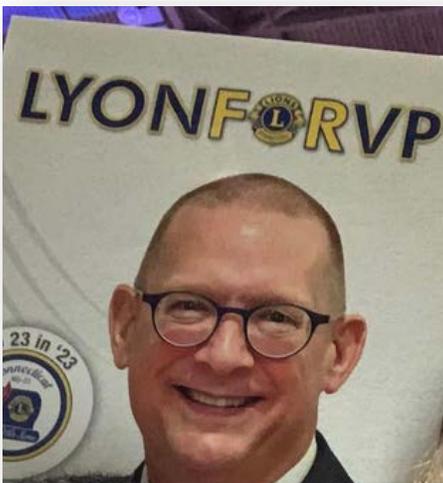
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*District 45 attending the
CT Ball for 3rd Vice President
Mark & Lion Lyn Lyon*

*(Thanks to CT Lion Frank Rowe
for photos of CT Ball)*





Follow my travels around the world, and see our global service in action.



President's Message

Changing the World with International President Dr. Patti Hill

Dear Lion,

I believe that the power to make the world a better place is in our hands. Our impact is what makes being a Lion so special. Every small act of service creates a personal impact, and the collective impact of our kindness can change the world forever. That's why "Changing the World" is my message to Lions and to the world.

Changing the World begins with us. It begins when we change the lives of the people we serve and find ourselves changed as well. It grows when we change our communities by bringing them to the table and inviting them to become the change they wish to see. It multiplies when we show the world that real change is truly possible and that Lions are Changing the World—one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Serving as your international president is an incredible honor. You and I, together, can make a difference. Let's be bold and lead the way forward to a better future and a world of change.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

Changing the World

Watch President Hill's [biography video](#) to learn more about her service journey and how she has lived out her mission to help others reach their full potential.

To learn even more about President Hill, visit her [theme page](#) to read her presidential theme book and watch inspiring videos about how Lions are Changing the World—starting with their clubs and communities.

Earn Special Club Awards

Lions always bring out the best in each other. That means when we work together, our clubs make a bigger impact throughout our communities.



Here are two ways that we're recognizing great projects and the clubs that are leading the way.

- [Kindness Matters Service Award](#) – Get the recognition your club deserves for an outstanding project in one of our global cause areas. Have your club service chairperson submit your nomination by **August 15** to qualify.
- [Marketing Award](#) – Showcase your club's innovative marketing and be recognized for your creativity. Application materials are due by **February 1**, so create your next great marketing campaign and get ready to apply.

Let's keep working together to be the change that our communities and our world needs.



Get Inspired By Our New Brand Video

We recently released our new Lions International brand, which is bringing our association and foundation together under one “umbrella” brand.

Watch this inspiring new [brand video](#) to see how we're bringing our brand to life—and how we're serving a world in need together. You can also download logos, a brand presentation, brand guidelines and more on our Lions International [brand webpage](#).

***Need to reach your 2023-24 Leadership
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