



**District 45 – Vermont Lions: In Lionism, In Service, In Friendship  
October 2023 - Communique**

Hello Fellow Lions,

I cannot believe that it is October already! Yikes!!

What a busy summer and fall we have had!

I would like to take the time to Congrats the Champlain Valley Lions club. We had the charter luncheon on Sunday, September 17th. What an awesome event! They are off to a terrific start. I can't wait to see what they can accomplish this year!

I have received the mission 1.5 goals from LCI. We need to increase our membership by plus 30 per year for the next 4 years. Sounds daunting right? Well, we are committed to making this goal and with all your help we will crush this goal. You may ask how? Well let's not focus on the number, let's focus on having fun, telling our stories, doing our service projects, and showing the great state of Vermont, what it's like to be a part of the world's largest service organization.

This year we are well on our way to hitting this goal, we have a new club, and I have installed 13

new members already!! What an awesome job you all are doing! Keep it up, there is nothing we cannot do, once we make our minds up that it will be accomplished.

Our district has a busy fall coming upon us, let's get out and enjoy each other and trade ideas and frustrations with one another. We have a next forum on November 4, along with the Super Raffle, NELC weekend is coming, which is open to all that want to enjoy.

Many clubs have fundraising events, please make sure they get shared, so we all have a chance to enjoy. Thank you all for doing what you do! You are making a difference every day that you serve.

I appreciate all that you do in the name of Lionism!!

Regards,  
DG Travi



## *District 45 – Calendar*

*Would you like to see your club highlighted?*

*Club news or articles due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month*

*Please email information to:*

[communique@vermontlions.org](mailto:communique@vermontlions.org)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hosts-Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 13-14, 2023	NELC Fall Weekend	Nashua, NH
November 4, 2023	Fall Forum/Super Raffle	Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT
December 3, 2023	Zone 1B Outing UVM Men's Hockey Game	UVM Gutterson Fieldhouse Burlington, VT
January 5-6, 2024	NELC Winter Weekend	TBA
January 13, 2024	Winter Forum/Meal Packing	Canadian Club, Barre, VT
March 2024	Spring Forum	TBA
May 2024	D45 Spring Convention	TBA
May 17-18, 2024	NELC Spring Weekend	TBA

### ***Don't forget .....***

We're knee deep in pull tabs and a friendly reminder to keep them coming! Please remember to label ALL packages/boxes with your Club name for proper credit.

Thank you!

*CT Lion Loreen*



# Club News

## Arlington Lions



What a great reunion of Norman Rockwell's models on Saturday. Lots of great speakers, connections, and community. A special thank you to the Arlington Lions for providing lunch and the Boy Scouts for the coffee and treats. We appreciate being a part of such a supportive community.

OFTEN WE SET OUT  
TO MAKE A  
**DIFFERENCE**  
IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS,  
only to discover  
we've made a difference  
in our own.



-Ellie Braun-Haley

## **Norwich Lions**

### **Harjit Rakhra Receives Life Membership in Lions Clubs International**

Fran DeGasta, King Lion  
September 8, 2023

At the recommendation of the Norwich Lions Club, Harjit Rakhra received a life membership in Lions Clubs International in recognition of his 50 years of membership and his outstanding service to the club and the community. He received a citation at the club's picnic meeting on September 5, 2023.

Harjit was born in Entebbe, Uganda, and moved to the United States more than 50 years ago, where he pursued a career as a realtor in Norwich, Vermont, and where he and his wife, Amarjit, raised three daughters together.



*King Lion, Fran DeGasta, presents Harjit Rakhra with his Lifetime Membership plaque*

## **Barre Lions**

We had 35 Barre Lions, guests, and spouses and were thrilled that District Governor Travis Woods and PDG Pam Nichols drove all the way from Southern Vermont to join us. In addition to the great food and fellowship, King Lion Lucas was able to present a check from the club for \$10,000 to Barre Lion, Thom Lauzon. Thom is a member of The Barre Community Relief Fund that has raised over \$250,000 for flood relief.

In addition, Vermont Lions Charities is sending a check for \$5,000 to the fund. We would like to thank everyone who helped at the Barbecue by setting up, cooking, cutting steaks, husking corn, baking delicious desserts, and cleaning up. Peggy Henry gave heartfelt thanks for the check we gave to her daughter, Abby, who was a Barre Lion, who is recovering from a motorcycle accident.

Other events included:

**\*Luncheon at 12:15 at The Canadian Club, Tuesday, August 29th:**

**\*5:30 PM at The Canadian Club, September 5th:**

Can you believe it is September already? This is our monthly evening meeting, and all members, spouses and guests are welcome. Johnny Crossley, the new Barre Town Recreation Director will be our speaker. Please join us as we welcome Johnny and hear about his plans for the Fall Festival and future events.

***Strafford Area Lions***

**STRAFFORD AREA LIONS CLUB**

# Chili Cookoff

Barrett Hall  
October 14  
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Meat & Vegetarian

CONTESTANTS FREE  
Register by Oct. 9  
To register, email:  
[straftordlions@gmail.com](mailto:straftordlions@gmail.com),  
or call: 802-333-3860

All proceeds go to support Strafford Lions Club Activities and Projects

***Essex Junction Lions***

Essex Junction Lions at work during the Champlain Fair in their food booth.



## Vermont Filipino-American Branch Club

Sharing mission accomplishments in the Philippines. Collaboration of Service Project with the Cavite Fil-Am Educator Lions Club and Vermont Filipino-American Branch Club Usa. August 15, 2023 and also I organized Representative of Vermont Filipino-American Branch Club in the Philippines. I am very proud being a Lion/ President. We Serve!!



King Lion Bernadette Z Ibey  
President



Vermont Filipino-American Branch Club (Lion's USA) of the Barre Lion's Club  
Participated in the Barre Heritage Festival Parade on Saturday, September 23, 2023





## **Jericho-Underhill Lions**

### **WALK FOR DIABETES AWARENESS**

Mark Your Calendars! And STRIDE with our Lions Club to help raise awareness about diabetes.

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club is sponsoring a "**STRIDES**" - **Walk for Diabetes** event at Mills Riverside Park (MRP) off Route 15 in Jericho on Saturday, October 7, from 9:00-2:00. This walking event on the MRP fields and trails is an effort to bring awareness about diabetes and its ramifications to the members of our communities. There will be several walking trail options for taking a beautiful autumn stroll in the park. We will have informational tables from community partners at the Snowflake Bentley pavilion. We also plan to have someone onsite performing optional testing for diabetes. Post-walk refreshments and snacks will be provided. This event is FREE and open to all ages. Any donations made will go to Lions Club programs for diabetes. JOIN US!! October 7th, 2023 for a fun and meaningful autumn outing.

## **Londonderry – Tri Mountain Lions**

Jessica Hannigan of Bellows Falls Vt was happy to win the Tri-Mtn Lions Club raffle prize of a Corn Hole Set handcrafted by Terry Merrow of Londonderry. Winning ticket was drawn at the Bondville Fair Tri-Mtn Lions Booth where earplugs were given out for hearing protection during the truck pulls.

Money raised this summer has been going directly back in our communities giving out cleaning supplies, food, water, clothing and monetary aid to replace items ruined by the flood.

The club has also been supporting the Winhall and Londonderry Food shelves with monetary and food donations.

We are fortunate to live in a very caring and sharing community. Thank you to all of our friends and neighbors who support our club fundraisers.



### **The Lions Pledge**

*I pledge my allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics. I am proud to be a Lion. Dedicated to the service of others.*



### Heartland Lions

Heartland Lions had another successful year at Tunbridge Fair. Thanks to all who make this a great event!



## Champlain Valley Lions formally granted new Club charter at celebration luncheon

On September 17, the Champlain Valley Lions Club received its official charter at a luncheon at the Delta Hotel in South Burlington. The luncheon, hosted by the Middlebury and Essex Lions Clubs, featured a charter signing by Club members, a new member induction ceremony, and a “Lions Roar” contest.

“It was a joyful event with Lions coming from across the state to offer congratulations and encouragement to our new club,” said CVL president Mark Hanna. “The Champlain Valley Lions is off to a ‘roaring’ start, with 32 members who are all lively, engaged and caring people. We’re having fun, making plans and looking

forward to planning service projects to help this community.”

The Champlain Valley Lions would like to thank everyone who has supported our new club, joined as a member, volunteered at our community events, or made a donation. We are just getting started! To join the club, ask questions, or offer suggestions for service projects, contact Mark Hanna at 978-764-0694 or [lionmark2000@outlook.com](mailto:lionmark2000@outlook.com).

One of 32 District 45 clubs, the new Champlain Valley Lions serve Burlington (south of Pearl Street) & UVM (05401 & 05405) South Burlington (05403) Shelburne (05482) Vermont. At the time of print they now have 33 charter members.

**A Pride of Lions:** Charter Members of the Champlain Valley Lions Club gathered to celebrate their club’s launch on September 17 at the Delta Hotel



**Lions (L to R):** Jackie Dutil (membership), Patience Merriman (PR, smile squad), Lowell & Jan Dendinger, Mark Hanna (president), Lori York (service, social media, member care), Rosella Duarte (membership 2<sup>nd</sup>, fundraising), Marty Harvey (co-treasurer), Peter Harvey (finance committee), Jacqueline Jones (Zoom captain), Len Gulino (tail twister)

*Charter Members, Lori York & Peter Harvey sign the new club’s charter document*

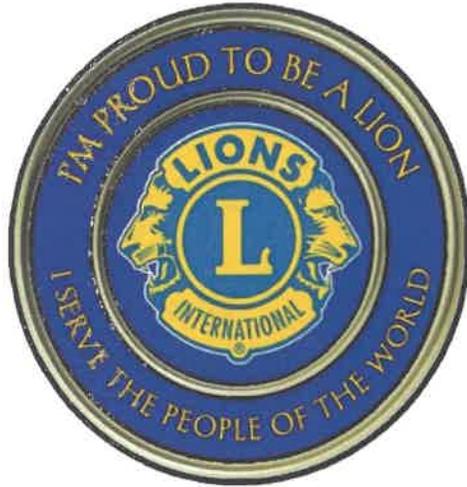


**Champlain Valley Lions**  
Club Charter Luncheon  
Delta Hotel | South Burlington Vermont  
September 17, 2023





DG Travis Wood



Lion Mark Hanna, CVL President



PDG Merry Souza, VLC President



PDG John Tiholiz, Guiding Lion



*Photos provided by:* Erik Koskinen

For additional photos, please visit:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/W1tShZju4CrJawrMA>

## CVL Lion of the Year & recipient of Key award, Lion Jackie Dutil



Jackie Dutil, one of the “original four” to conceive the new Champlain Valley Lions, joyfully signs the Champlain Valley Lions Charter at the Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon in South Burlington.

*Not only that, but...*

- Lion Jackie was recognized by International President Brian Sheehan with a Key, for her work over 25 years bringing 25 new members to Lions – and, as District Governor Travis Wood pointed out to those attending, that *does not include* more than 14 charter members she brought to the brand new club!
- Club President Mark Hanna, a partner in launching the new club in October 2022, *also* presented Lion Jackie with the club’s first Lion of the Year plaque, in recognition of her enormous influence, dedication, and thoughtful work in bringing the club to life.
- Jackie is membership chair and resourceful captain of many club events, and a proud charter member of the Champlain Valley Lions.
- She also remains an Associate Member of Brandon-Forestdale Lions.

### What is the Lions Club Motto?

The Lions Clubs International motto is WE SERVE, which to Lions means selfless service to others in need in our local communities. The word WE is inclusive, which includes transparency relative to gender, religion, ethnicity, politics or nationality.

## Just for FUN!

### Word search

F	E	Q	U	V	C	L	A	Q	Q
Q	F	Z	F	P	F	M	F	X	B
U	S	I	A	O	K	T	F	C	P
I	F	K	R	P	L	M	S	R	L
L	R	L	M	E	P	I	V	O	E
T	S	U	A	A	S	L	A	P	A
Y	X	C	S	N	P	I	E	G	V
D	D	Z	A	T	N	L	D	S	E
Y	E	X	C	R	I	E	E	E	S
Q	C	Q	E	T	F	C	L	H	Z

- Fireside
- Maple
- Scarf

- Foliage
- Rustic
- Leaves

- Quilt
- Crop
- Apples

### Word scramble

Unscramble the letters to find words that relate to fall.

1. RANCO
2. TRESAWE
3. RTVSEAH
4. ESRCCROAW
5. RUONOCICAP

- Word scramble**
1. ACORN
  2. SWEATER
  3. HARVEST
  4. SCREWCROW
  5. CORNUCOPIA



Fall Forum Registration Form  
8:30 am-3:00 pm  
Saturday November 4th  
Hampton Inn  
42 Lower Mountain RD  
Colchester VT 05446

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please indicate food Allergy, and special requests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$40.00 per person Please make checks out to Vermont District 45 Lions

Deadline for registration is Monday October 23rd. Any reservations after will be accepted, food will not be guaranteed if you register after the 23rd.

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



Fall Forum  
Hampton Inn  
Colchester VT

- 8:45-9:10 Coffee and Breakfast
- 9:10-9:15 DG Opening
- 9:15-11:00 Honorary Meeting
- 9:15-10:00 Team Building
- 10:00-10:45 Roundtable Discussion (All)
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:15 Membership Minute (DG)
- 11:15- 12:00 Speaker
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch
- 12:45-1:00 LCIF Presentation (PDG Pam)
- 1:00-1:15 Zone Chair Report
- 1:15-3:00 Cabinet Meeting: (see attached)



### NOVEMBER FORUM BRAINSTORMING

#### SERVICE

- Intergenerational Mixer
- Source to Sea 9.9.23
- Sand for Seniors
- Bring reader eyeglasses to senior center
- Bike Tour
- One Person at a time

#### MEMBERSHIP

- Through Service
- Make Yourself Noticeable in town
- Asking People
- Social Media
- Front Porch Forums
- Be Persistent
- Club Brochure & Applications
- Knocking on Doors
- Article in Newspaper
- Toot Our Own Horn



# VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

Official Warning of the Vermont Lions Charities Annual meeting to be held Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 at the Hampton Inn in Colchester, Vermont.

This meeting will consist of voting and election for a three year term of a Treasurer and a Secretary as well as the following proposed Constitution and By Law changes.

## **Proposed Constitution and By Law Changes**

5. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and Directors; four (4) officers and six (6) directors.

**Change wording to**

**5. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and Directors: four (4) officers and seven (7) directors. (this change is to include both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors**

7. Officers shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. However, terms shall be alternated so that no more than one (1) officers is replaced in any one year. Exceptions: The following officers terms will expire in the same year, Vice President and Secretary. Directors shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, all Officer and Directors shall continue to serve until their replacement is qualified. Exception: The District Governor and Vice District Governor shall serve only during their regular term of office (i.e. July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year

**Change wording to**

**7. All officers shall be elected for a three-year term, and all are eligible for re-election. Directors shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, all Officer and Directors shall continue to serve until their replacement is qualified. Exception: The District Governor and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors shall serve only during their regular term of office (i.e., July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.**

9. Vacancies: Any vacancy that occurs in the Board of Directors shall be filled as follows: if it is one of the Officers, by properly warned special election (this election will be only for the unexpired term of said officers). If a Director, a new one shall be appointed by the District Governor (from the same region)

**Change wording to**

**9. Vacancies: Any vacancy that occurs in the Board of Directors shall be filled as follows: if it is one of the Officers, by properly warned special election (this election will be only for the unexpired term of said officers). If a Director, a new one shall be appointed by the District Governor and shall be from the same region as where the vacancy occurred.**

22. From time to time the President may appoint committees as he may see fit.

**Change wording to**

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25. An annual audit shall be performed at the end of each year and shall be reported to the Membership at the Annual Meeting.

**Change to**

**25. An annual audit shall be performed at the end of each year and shall be reported to the Membership at the annual meeting. The audit committee shall consist of three individuals made up of Past District Governors (PDG), Past Cabinet Secretary Treasurer (PCST) or Past Cabinet Treasurer (PCT).**

27. Duties: **President** – Shall reside at all meetings

**Vice President** – Shall act as President in the absence of the President.

**Secretary** – Shall keep records of all meetings and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President

**Treasurer** – Shall keep all financial records. He shall keep funds in such institutions as required by the Board of Directors. He shall only dispense funds upon approval of the Board of Directors.

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**Change wording for the treasurer to:**

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Yours in Lionism

PDG Merry Souza VLC  
President

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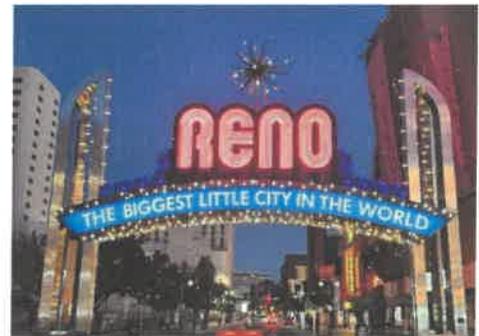
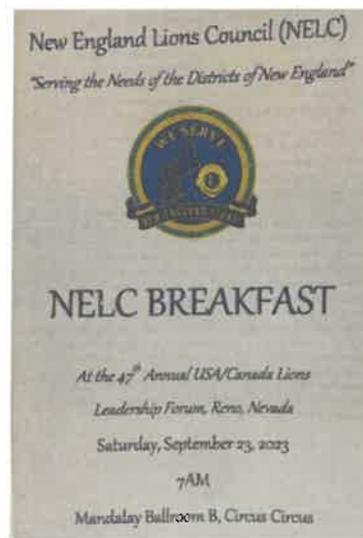
**USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum**

**UP AND AWAY WITH LEADERSHIP - Reno 2023**

District 45 Lions recently attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Those attending were DG Travis Wood, FVDG Deb Savery, PDG Walter Hastings, PDG Carol Greene & IPDG Kathleen Doorman

The largest and best Lions Club Leadership training event in world, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is for you! With over 70 seminars training sessions related to developing quality Lions Clubs, thousands of Lions Leaders share their experiences.



## Vermont District 45 Lions Clubs

August 2023

To: District 45 Club Presidents and Secretaries  
From: LCIF Super Raffle Committee  
Subject: 2023 Annual Super Raffle - Your Club and Members!  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023



We are very pleased to announce plans for the 2023 District 45 Super Raffle. With our committee of fine Lions, we plan to make this event a very successful fundraiser for the District and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Since 2004 we have hosted this great event, each year raising approximately \$10,000 which has allowed us to present approximately 150 Melvin Jones Fellowships to deserving Lions and community members.

We are pleased to make some announcements for the 2023 event.

- **FIRST** - This year's event will take place at The Hampton Inn in Colchester Vermont on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in conjunction with the regular Fall Conference / cabinet meeting of the 2023 – 2024 year.
- **SECOND** - The ticket prices and meals for the event are as follows:
  - \$100 for a ticket without meals
  - \$150 which includes two meals. We are limited to 150 meals.
- **THIRD** - The GRAND PRIZE will be raised to \$1,750 if 175 tickets are sold, \$2,000 if all 200 tickets are sold.

The enclosed voucher are tickets that are for sale to your club, club members, businesses and friends of Lions. This is an event OPEN TO ALL LIONS AND NON-LIONS. Tickets WITH MEALS will be sold until Friday, October 12th but with tickets without meals will be sold until the start of the event. **\*\*\* Please note only 150 meals will be available \*\*\*** Please have the purchaser fill out the voucher(s) and mail it along with their check made payable to **District 45** in the appropriate amount to **PCT Loreen Teer, 2-B Rabbit Run, Underhill, VT 05489**. For 501(c)(3) information please contact an LCIF Committee member.

**\*\*\* TICKET OWNER WINS PRIZES (including door prizes). You must identify dinner attendee if not ticket owner \*\*\***

All vouchers will be assigned a ticket number on a first come, first serve basis (based on funds received). If you wish to have a specific ticket number, please contact PCT Loreen Teer at (802) 899-1363. Event attendees are entitled to great dinners, many chances at great prizes and best of all, a great time with your fellow Lions and contributing community members.

Overnight accommodations are available at The Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain View Road, Colchester, VT. Call (802) 655-6177 and ask for the special Lions Club rate of \$139 plus fees using the special rate code Vermont Lions Group Block. Please keep in mind rooms are only guaranteed at that rate until Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The evening festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. for social time with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Super Raffle following dinner. **\*\*\*More details of special activities for the night will be forthcoming\*\*\***

For each ticket purchased by a Club or Lion member, a nomination for an individual (Lion or community member) to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship can be made. **Deadline to nominate is January 31, 2024 (NO EXCEPTIONS).**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact a co-chair or one of the committee members.

Sincerely in Lionism,

2023 District 45 LCIF Super Raffle Chairs

PDG Betsy MaGee – (802) 578-8188 - [lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com)

PDG Merry Souza – (802) 582-2288 – [pdgmerry@gmail.com](mailto:pdgmerry@gmail.com)

PDG Pam Nichois – (802) 384-0033 – [vtlionpam@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionpam@gmail.com)

# VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS



## Vermont District 45 is pleased to announce our annual Super Raffle Fundraiser for the Benefit of LCIF

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Hampton Inn, Colchester, Vermont  
5:30 P.M. SOCIAL - 6:30 P.M. RAFFLE STARTS

### Evening highlights

#### **GRAND PRIZE \$1,500 - SECOND PRIZE \$500**

- Multiple Grand Prizes, Multiple Door Prizes
- \*\*\* Grand Prize \$1500, \$1750 if 175 tickets sold, \$2,000 if 200 tickets are sold \*\*\*
  - Special raffle of 200<sup>th</sup> ball, guaranteed 1 of 10 chance to win
    - Tickets: \$100 (no meals) or \$150 includes two meals (can be bought by Lions, Lions Clubs, Community members)
      - Only 150 meals available for purchase
- Deadline to purchase tickets is October 12th with meals, November 4th (no meals)
  - Funds raised allow Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to be granted
    - Over 65 Melvin Jones Fellows granted past 5 years
      - Great meals served by the Hampton Inn
  - Hotel Room rate of \$139 (plus fees) (deadline is October 4th)

See our district website [www.vermontlions.org](http://www.vermontlions.org) for information on the event, including ticket purchasing, room reservations and requesting prize donations from local businesses.

#### VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE

November 4, 2023

Ticket Request

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 - NO MEALS included

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 - TWO MEALS included

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount - Checks Payable to  
District 45 Vermont Lions

#### Ticket Owner Information

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

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

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

Name of Attendee (if not ticket owner)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please see "flyer" for deadline information

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Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

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#### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 45

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## Vision Screening Report

October, 2023

It doesn't seem possible, but children are back in school and District 45 Lions are once again on the move! Lions are busy with scheduling, school nurses are getting ready for the next few months of vision screening, and reports are beginning to come in. Please remember to report your screenings at least once a month. This makes things easier to keep up with the documentation process.

It's exciting that more clubs are beginning to show an interest in screening the children in their areas. If you are new to screening or just want more information about the process, please feel free to contact me so I can arrange for you to get information or a camera for your use.

This leads to the need for more cameras. That, and the fact that we now have 3 of the original 5 SPOT cameras disabled with no way to get them repaired, it is time for more investment into the program with new equipment. I am in the process of getting a quote from a company called Plusoptics for new cameras. The decision to go with this company was after much thought and research. As most of you know one of the main reasons given to Lions for not allowing us in the schools was because we didn't do acuity testing. Now, the Plusoptic cameras all have the added capability of doing that testing along with the regular screening we're used to with SPOT cameras. I hope to be able to purchase enough cameras to cover the district sufficiently to start and later replace the remaining SPOTS as time goes on.

Some of you may be asking what we are planning for the 6 newer SPOTS we bought a couple of years ago. These cameras will continue to be used. As they age out, we can trade them in for discounts as we purchase more Plusoptics screeners. There are more benefits to switching over to Plusoptics. These new cameras are considerably less expensive, can be upgraded easily by means of a computer (no calibrations necessary) and when coupled with a trade in, qualifies them for a free 5-year service contract. We have always had to pay extra for that in the past. Needless to say, I am extremely excited about the future of vision screening for District 45. We continue to grow and provide more and better services to the children in our communities.

So if you want to hear more about these new developments in vision screening, please come to the November Forum. It should be quite informative.

As always, thank you for all you do for District 45.

Yours in Kindness and Gratitude,

FVDG Deb

Vermont District 45 Vision Screening Coordinator



## The Lions Brigade Diaper Drive

District 45 has a unique opportunity to support families throughout Vermont. As I stated in a previous letter in the Communique, state funding to the Vermont Diaper Bank has been severely cut from approximately \$320,000 to just over \$100,000. This funding helps families with limited income have access to free diapers. If any of you have purchased diapers for your family or grandchildren lately, you realize how expensive they are. Imagine being on a low, fixed income with a baby to provide for. Diapers are not a luxury item on that shopping list. It's a NECESSITY! It not only is needed for a baby's comfort, but also for a baby's health and wellbeing.

So that all being said, District 45 is starting the Lions Diaper Brigade Drive. Each club can either collect diapers from members, or even better yet, hold their own diaper drive. This will be considered a district wide service project. Each club should keep track of EVERY SINGLE DIAPER they collect. By November Conference I will collect the numbers from each club and the club with the most diapers collected will win a prize (to be determined).

To make this easier for everyone, I have attached a list of the 15 state-mandated parent/child centers. Under each center, you will find their addresses and phone numbers. Clubs are to look for their club's names under their center's contact information. Hopefully I've assigned each club to the closest center for their convenience. Clubs can begin to bring their diapers collected so far to their parent/child center.

Please feel free to collect and deliver in which ever way works best for your club. Some clubs may wish to collect diapers throughout the month of October and present them all at once for a fantastic photo op at their PPC, or if space is an issue, make weekly drop-offs. I do ask one thing however. PLEASE CALL YOUR PARENT CHILD CENTER BEFORE DROP OFF. This way they can direct you to the correct building or door for everyone's convenience. I have already begun to get reports of diaper collections from some clubs, so don't delay! Start your diaper drive today. Let's make this a WHOLE DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT. We can do this!

...and THANK YOU!

Yours in Kindness and Gratitude,

FVDG Deb

### Where to take your collections:

**Addison County Parent Child Center** 126 Monroe ST, Middlebury, VT Phone: 802-388-3171

**Club(s): Middlebury, Brandon/Forestdale, Vergennes**

**Early Education Services of Windham Southeast District** 130 Birge St, Brattleboro, VT Phone:802-254-3742

**Brattleboro, Deerfield Valley, Readsboro, Valley**

**Family Center of Washington County**, 383 Sherwood Drive, Montpelier, VT Phone: 802-262-3292

**Barre**

**Janet S Munt Family Room**, 20 Allen St, Burlington, VT Phone: 802-862-2121

**Williston, Essex Junction**

**Lamoille Family Center**, 480 Cadys Falls Rd., Morrisville, VT Phone: 802-888-5229

**Jericho/Underhill**

**Lund Parent Child Center**, 50 Joy Drive, south Burlington, VT Phone: 802-864-7467

**Champlain Valley**

**Milton Family Center**, 23 Villemaire Lane, Milton, VT Phone: 802-893-1457

**Colchester, Georgia**

**Northeast Kingdom Community Action Parent Child Ctr North**, 371 Main St, Newport, VT Phone:802-334-7316

**Troy & Area, Richford**

**Northeast Kingdom Comm Action Parent Child Ctr South**, 115 Lincoln St, St. Johnsbury, VT Phone: 802-748-6040

**Orleans, Derby**

**Orange County Parent Child Center**, 693 VT Route 110, Tunbridge, VT Phpne: 802-685-2264

**Strafford & Area**

**Rutland County Parent Child Center**, 61 Pleasant St., Rutland, VT Phone: 800-480-9711

**Castleton, Manchester, Arlington, Route 100**

**Springfield Area Parent Child Center**, 80 Jack and Jill Lane, No Springfield, VT Phone: 802-886-5242

**Windsor, Springfield, Londonderry**

**Sunrise Family Resource Center**, 244 Union St., Bennington, VT Phone: 802-442-6934

**Norshaft, Granville**

**The Family Place**, 391 US Rte 5 South, Norwich, VT Phone:800-639-0039

**Heartland , Norwich**

**The Parent Child Center of Northwestern Counseling & Support Services**, 130 Fisher Pond Rd, S. Albans, VT

802-393-6647

**Swanton/Missisquoi, Enosburg Falls**



## President's Message Changing the World with International President Dr. Patti Hill

### Dear Lion,

When you give someone a drink of water, you can quench their thirst for a day. But by building a clean water system, you change their lives—and their community—for good. That is the kind of big, sustainable impact that our greatest partner, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), helps us make every single day.

Our foundation gives us the support we need to expand our service and support our growing membership. But just like every great partnership, that support works both ways. We support LCIF and LCIF supports us. So, let's keep serving, and let's keep supporting great service at home and around the world with LCIF.

Yours in service,

**Dr. Patti Hill**  
International President



### Peace Poster Contest

Get your community and its young people engaged by giving them the opportunity to get creative. For more than 30 years, Lions clubs have been inviting young people to become our partners in peace and inspire the world through our International Peace Poster Contest.

Learn how your club can sponsor the [Peace Poster Contest](#) through a local school or youth group. Peace Poster Contest kits for 2023-2024 will only be available through October 1, 2023, so [purchase your contest kit](#) and start planning today.



We Serve

## Working Together for the Greatest Good

LCIF has magnified the service of Lions and Leos around the world for more than 50 years with your support. Watch a [special video message](#) from President Hill about how your support is a critical part of our collective impact and helps us make an even bigger difference every day.

With more than US\$39.2 million in service grants awarded last year, and over US\$1 billion awarded since 1968, LCIF is [Bringing Possibilities to Life](#) and empowering Lions and Leos to change the world.

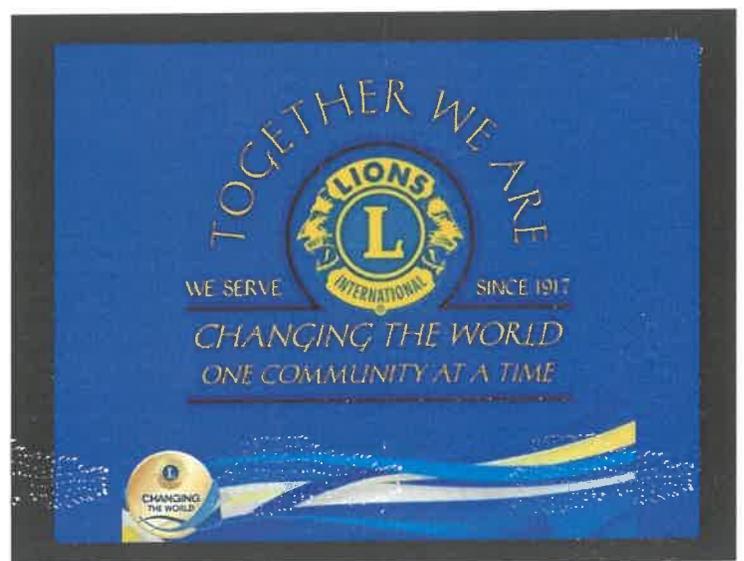
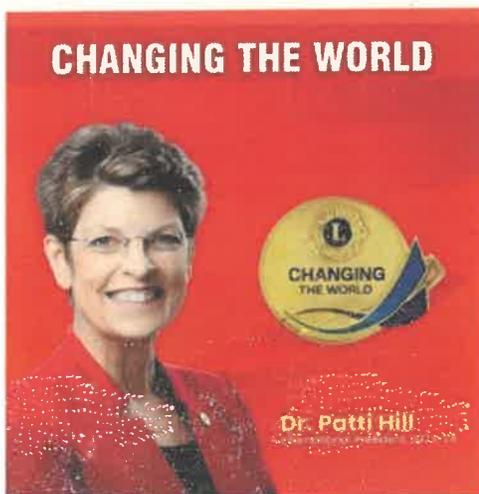
## Get Involved with Your Foundation

Your service is changing people's lives, and by supporting your foundation, you can make an even bigger impact every day. Here are three great ways to get involved with your global foundation.



- **Apply for a Grant** – Visit the [LCIF Grants Toolkit](#) page to learn how your club can get even more done in your community with the right grant.
- **Share Our Story** – Celebrate the incredible work we're doing around the world by sharing our [Stories of Pride](#) and stories from the [Lions Blog](#) on social media using the hashtags #LCIFLions and #WeServe.
- **Make a Donation** – Discover the many [Ways to Give](#) that help support our service around the world—and in the community outside your door.

Let's keep supporting our foundation because together we can change the world one community at a time—starting with yours.





**New England Lions Council (NELC)**  
*"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"*

**2023 NELC "Fall Weekend"**

**GAT Theme: Membership Development / MISSION 1.5**

**October 13-14 (NOTE: Friday/Saturday Event)**

**At: DoubleTree by Hilton Nashua, 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, NH 03063**

*Come for the Foliage & Get a Friday Night Room.*

**FRIDAY EVENING 6PM-10PM**

Fellowship (& meal if you like) in the hotel's **Speaker's Corner Bistro** Restaurant  
 featuring local Craft Brews!

**SATURDAY AM SEMINARS**

**Club Members & Club Officers Membership Track**

9:30-10:30 **"GMA for You and Your Club."** With: CAI GAT Specialist Guy Schmale from LCI & New England GAT Region Leader Winster Ceballos, PCC from New Jersey.

10:45-11:45 **"Improving the Member's Experience."** With: A Club Presidents Panel discussing how "Retention" may be too late & Cultivating Member Involvement & Satisfaction.

**District Officials' & MD Leaders Membership Track**

9:30-11:00 **"Expand Your District"** by Forming New Clubs and Various Membership Approaches. With: District & Multiple District GAT/GMA Team Members.

10:45-11:45 **"Growth...A Panel Discussion"** With: GAT Specialist Guy Schmale, PID Ed Lecius (NAMI Pilot Organizer), PCC Hilary Kumnick (Immed. Past GAT Region Leader), PCC Winster Ceballos (Current GAT Region Leader) & Others.

**LUNCHEON...**

*Hear from Special Guests: CAI GAT Specialist Guy Schmale from LCI & New England GAT Leader PCC Winster Ceballos (NJ)*

*Immediately Followed By: Business Meeting, New England Governors' Reports & a Meaningful Necrology Service*

**Saturday Luncheon & Cash Bar**

**12:00 Hot Plated Luncheon:** Mixed Green Salad w/ Choice of House Made Dressings, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Green Beans, Soft Drinks, Teas, Caffeinated & Decaffeinated Coffees and Caramel Apple Pie

**Choose Your Entree'**

Pan Roasted "Statler" Chicken Breast w/ Fresh Herbs, Mushrooms & Natural Jus \$40 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Butternut Squash Ravioli w/ Sage Brown Butter, Melted Leeks & Candied Walnuts \$40 x \_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DIST/MD: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ DIST/MD POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Check (Payable to NELC) & Form: PDG Norm Hart, Treas, 74 Main Street, Canaan, ME 04924**

**Event Registration Deadline: October 6th**

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

**Cell/Text: 401-714-2819 or: [liondbranco@verizon.net](mailto:liondbranco@verizon.net)**

\*GAT\* Global Action Team. \*GMT\* Global Membership Team. \*GMA\* Global Membership Approach & \*NAMI\* North American Membership Initiative

**TALES OF THE POST-SERVICE TRAIL  
UPDATE**

*October 2023*

**THANK YOU!  
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Again, Karol and I need to thank you so very much for all your and support for our last two years serving as an International Director for the Lions of the world plus for what turned into a three-year campaign to be elected thanks to a pandemic.

We met Lions from all over this planet and worked 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.

But now we are back to our local Lions roles, "sort of". Someone once told us that the election as an ID does not end at becoming a PID but is a life-long avocation. It is a role that we welcome as you and Lions International have invested a lot in training us to serve the world of Lions and we will give back as long as God is willing to give us the strength to do so. So, if you have a need, or even just a question, you know how to reach us – we do still know how to travel to you.

And on that note, we have been active, but all in New England to date. Two trips to NH and one to MA so far. And we will be doing charter anniversaries, which are a joy. Whitefield's 70th is around the corner this week and I trust many of you will be there. Then we have a 100th for the Nashua Lions. In between is the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, known by most as the Forum, in Reno for six days including the travel days (that old Maine adage, "You can't get there from here." is especially true trying to fly from Maine to Reno with only one layover!). If you have never been to a Forum, Karol and I agree that the eight global forums are the event that Lions do best.

You spend three days in 12 classes that you choose from 70 to 80 options and hear world class motivators at the meals to rev you up to return home to SERVE once again with gusto!

At the LCICON 2023 in Boston, Maine and all New England Lions were commendable and all over the place. It was great seeing so many of you all there. The delegates elected our own Lion Mark Lyon of CT to be Third International Vice President, with Lion Lyn as his PIS. All the Constitution & By-Law changes proposed passed overwhelmingly. And the Association is still in good hands with the new elected leadership. Of particular note, our own Lion Steve Middlemiss and LeeAnn Middlemiss, of NH, will continue New England's remarkable string of IDs and Partners-in-Service serving the world of Lions.

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 world-wide, and plan to continue this service to you.

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



## Proposed Changes to District 45 Constitution and Bylaws

At the Cabinet Meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>, the following Proposed Changes to the District 45 Constitution and By-Laws were discussed. It was voted to bring these changes to a vote at the upcoming Fall Conference and Cabinet Meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If passed, these changes would be effective immediately.

While most of the Proposed Changes are to update language consistent with changes made by Lions Clubs International, these Proposed Changes include a multi-year increase in District Per Capita Tax (or dues) that, if passed, will be effective January 1, 2024. Dues will increase from \$10 per year to \$14 per year by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The District Per Capita Convention Fund Tax would see a one-time increase from \$1 to \$2 per member. These increases are necessary due to declining membership and increasing costs.

Any questions may be directed to PDG Ken Emery at [kpemery1960@gmail.com](mailto:kpemery1960@gmail.com), PDG Walter Hastings at [vtlionwalter@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionwalter@gmail.com) or IPDG Kathy Dorman at [vtlionkathy@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionkathy@gmail.com).

Thank you.

### **23 – 24 Proposed to changes to District 45 Constitution and By-Laws**

\*\*\* All references to Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer includes the positions of Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer. But it needs to be noted some Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer reference might need to be referenced as Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer depending on what is being referenced. \*\*\*

For example, the following: Article 4, Section 1 paragraph a: Add (or Cabinet Secretary / Cabinet Treasurer) after the term: a Cabinet Secretary – Treasurer. Or the following: Article 4, Section 2 paragraph b: Add (or Cabinet Secretary) after the term Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

#### **Constitution:**

Article 4, Section 1 paragraph b: Add (if the Region Chair position is utilized) after the phrase – one Region Chair for each Region.

Article 4, Section 4 paragraph d: Add sentence: Audit must be completed, in full, within 30 days of the completion of the International Convention. Any delay needs to be approved by the audit committee and/or honorary committee (other than outgoing and incoming DG).

**Article 5, Section 1: Update the District Administrative Fund Per Capita Tax from \$10 which is assessed per six months at \$5 July 1 and January 1, effective January 1, 2024 to be \$6, effective July 1, 2024 to be \$6.50 (\$13 per year) and as of July 1, 2025 to be \$7 (\$14 per year) and will remain at \$14 as of 7/1/2025 unless further adjusted as approved.**

Article 5, Section 1: Add the phrase: Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer (or Cabinet Treasurer) must issue an invoice to District Club Treasurers within 30 days of the International Convention for dues for the July 1 – December 30 period and by January 31st for the January 1 – June 30 period.

**Article 7, Secion 1: Update the Per Capita District Convention Fund Tax from \$1.00 to \$2.00 effective January 1, 2024.**

**BY-LAWS:**

Article 2, Section 1, first sentence: ADD Global Action Team after 1<sup>st</sup> and second vice district governor.

Article 2, Section 1, first sentence: Add (if utilized) after region chairperson.

Article 2, Section 6, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence: Add a Lion cannot serve as a Zone Chairperson for no more than three years, whether consecutively or in single years. A Past District Governor cannot serve as a Zone Chairperson.

Article V: Change word Second to be Third, representing Third International Vice President. All other remaining wording remains the same.

Article V, Section 1, paragraph a: add (or a district cabinet meeting) after the term Fall Conference.

Article VIII: Add line: Constitution and By-laws were updated as of (Fall Conference / Spring Convention) October 2023.