



March 2024



From the Desk of the District Governor

Hello Fellow Lions!! Welcome Spring!! I am so excited to see that VDG Deb (as I am writing this is at Oak Brook) finishing up her training and making memories that will last a lifetime. We are in Great hands for next year!!!

We have achieved great things this year! Over halfway through and we have a lot of work to do. We are still focused on Membership, we need to grow our clubs, growing relationships and networking with all in the same path as us.

Our Convention is shaping up nicely, I am looking for some volunteers that would like help with the carnival Saturday afternoon, and we are looking for volunteers that will be actors in the murder mystery on Friday night. If you are interested, please reach out to me as soon as possible. We will need 12-15 actors for Friday night and 6-8 volunteers on Saturday from 1-4ish.

I still have a few club visits to schedule, if you would like me to come to your club for a meeting or service event please reach out to me. My spring calendar is filling up quickly.

I am still working on towns that would like a wheelchair accessible swing in their playgrounds. If your club is interested in sponsoring a swing, please let me know, I am trying to get this done this year. IPDG Kathy can get us a matching grant from LCI. I need to know how many we need to ask for.

As always please reach out with any questions or suggestions!!

Let's ROAR

DG Travis



District 45 – Calendar

Would you like to see your club highlighted?

Club news or articles due on or before the 25th of each month

Please email information to:

communique@vermontlions.org

Date	Hosts-Event	Location
March 3, 2024	World Wildlife Day	
March 8, 2024	International Women's Day	
March 16, 2024	Spring Forum	Evening Star Grange, 1008 East West Road Dummerston, VT
March 20, 2024	Lions Day	United Nations
April 2024	Environmental Awareness Month	
April 2024	World Leos Club Month	
April 22, 2024	Earth Day	
April 24, 2024	Lions Worldwide Induction Day	
April 27 * 28, 2024	Pancake Breakfast	Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions St. Albans, VT
May 3-5, 2024	D45 Spring Convention Speak Out Contest	Fireside Inn & Suites W Lebanon, NH
May 4, 2024	Green Up Vermont	Vermont
May 15, 2024	International Day of the Family	
May 17-18, 2024	NELC Spring Weekend	Vermont, TBA
May 28, 2024	World Hunger Day	
June 1, 2024	Helen Keller Day	
June 5, 2024	World Environmental Day	
June 7, 2024	Lions Clubs International Birthday	
July 20, 2024	Lions Twin-State Soccer	Hanover HS, Hanover, NH



**49th Annual VT-NH
Lions All-Stars**



SOCCER GAMES

July 20th, 2024

Packets to clubs were distributed at the Winter Forum for those in attendance and mailed to those that were not there. If you have any questions about the packets/material, please contact PDG Carol Greene, President, LTSSA. We are always looking for additional members to join us – if you are interested, please contact PDG Carol to get you on the schedule distribution. Currently we are meeting on the last Wednesday of each month, via Zoom.

Vermont Asian-American Club Branch

Saturday, February 10th, 2024



We delivered snacks, fruits, water, chip, cookies, Bananas and others at Another Way 125 Barre St Montpelier Vermont (Homeless). The residents of the Another Way were very Happy and excited to see us. Thank you to all members who volunteered their time to deliver snacks and others. Sharing the appreciation letter from Julia Garcia in charge of Another Way.



Vermont Asian-American Club Branch

VISION STATEMENT
TO BE the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

MISSION STATEMENT
TO EMPOWER Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

PURPOSES
TO ORGANIZE, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions Clubs.
TO COORDINATE the activities and standardize the administration of Lions Clubs.
TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.
TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community
TO UNITE the clubs in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.



Barre Lion's Club
<https://www.barrelions.com>
(802) 272 - 5270

What is a Lion?

Lions are dedicated men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes in the local and world communities. By conducting service projects and raising funds, Lions strive to help those in need, wherever it exists. The Lions motto

"WE SERVE"

is not merely a motto, but our definition and philosophy for life!

Ever since Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness," we have concentrated on giving aid to those with sight and hearing problems.

Internationally, Lions have nearly eradicated the disease of river blindness in Africa and are now saving the sight of millions in South America by providing cataract surgery.

We meet Saturday / Sunday (TBD)

Group Chat

All are Welcome.

Facebook/ Vermont Asian-American Club Branch D45

Contact:

KING LION BERNADETTE Z. IBEY
Club President

www.vtaclub123123@gmail.com

Vermont Asian-American Club Branch of the Barre Lions Club, District 45



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!



It's About Giving

We Lions give our time and energy, and we ask others to give so that we can aid and assist those in need.

We collect eyeglasses to be sent to third-world nations. Annually, Vermont Lions donate over 20,000 pairs of eyeglasses to that cause.

"Where There's a Need, There's a Lion"



Vermont Filipino-American Lions USA
District 45
"Mission"
Service Project in the Philippines
August 19th 2023
"When there's a need, There's a LION"
"We Serve"
King Lion Bernadette Z. Ibey
President Vc. Fil-Am Lions USA

JOIN US!

Norshaft Lions

NORSHAFT LIONS PRESENTS
NIGHT FOR SIGHT
DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER

featuring **MATT EDWARDS**
with **BUCK2FIFTY**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
5:00 - 10:00 PM
BENNINGTON ELKS CLUB
125 WASHINGTON AVE., BENNINGTON, VT

\$40

For more information visit us on
f i
@norshaftlionsclub

TICKETS
*Available at Bennington Tire & At The Door

CHICKEN PARMESAN, SALAD, DESSERT & CASH BAR
To Benefit Guiding Eyes for the Blind Puppy Raisers

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Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.
HELEN KELLER



Calling all Lions, Leos, Partners, & Community Members! We need your help!!!

Lions International has 1.4 million members worldwide, but only 37,900 subscribers to our YouTube channel.

There are currently 2.5 BILLION active users on YouTube... all of which could learn about Lionism if we were able to get more subscribers and engagement on the absolutely incredible videos that Lions Clubs International creates.

The more engagement a YouTube channel gets - the more its videos are shown to other users. If every one of us subscribed to the Lions International YouTube channel (it's FREE) and took the time to watch the videos there, leave a like and a comment - Lionism and our passion for service would go VIRAL!

How do you subscribe?

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https://youtube.com/@lionsclubs?sub_confirmation=1

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[#youtubechannel](#)

[#lionsinternational](#)

Jericho-Underhill Lions

Jericho Underhill Lions - Fall 2023 & Winter 2024

Several of our members attended the Super Raffle on November 4 in Colchester. It was Lion Loreen Teer's lucky night as she won the Grand Prize (which she said was earmarked for a brake job!) The raffle was also attended by 8 Leos (all young women) who enjoyed themselves thoroughly (see photos of the group and of PDG Pam Nichols giving them a taste of whipped cream!)



On December 16th our club members were busy delivering Christmas gift boxes to some of the local elderly in our community. This annual service is always much appreciated by the recipients. Thanks to Lion Loreen for again organizing and executing this service.

On January 13th, KL Will Wright, Loreen Teer and Chuck Cyr attended the D45 Winter Forum and food packing event. It was an eye-opening experience to see how a group of roughly 50 well-organized people could pack almost 24,000 servings of nutritious mac 'n cheese in under 3 hours. See photo of the winning team from the 6 team "competition".

The club held their 33rd annual Pancake Breakfast, held at the United Church of Underhill on Saturday, February 17, from 8:00-11:00. This event is a fund raiser for the David Damkot memorial scholarship fund - which provides scholarships to local graduating high school seniors. If you're available, come and join us for a hearty pancake breakfast!

Jericho-Underhill Leos - Fun Times at the LCIF Super Raffle



Heartland Lions

Heartland Lions had their annual Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 10 at Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon, NH. This year through generous donations and a 50/50 raffle \$600 was raised and donated to the food shelves in Sharon, Royalton & Tunbridge.

They also hosted the Traveling Lion and FVDG Deb & Lion Bruce Savery (Springfield Lions) came and adopted the Lion.

Here is Lion Pam Greene presenting the Traveling Lion to FVDG Deb!

Heartland Lions will also be selling Roses, Cost \$20 a dozen. Orders due to Lion Mark Howe or Lion Mark Wood no later than March 7. Delivery date is Friday, March 22.



Arlington Lions

The Arlington Lions have been busy this month and last.

Super Bowl Win a Basket Event for the Northshire Special Olympics - We presented the Northshire Special Olympics with a check totaling \$3500.00 which was raised at our event. Fun was had by all!



Valentine Card project:

Spread the love this Valentine's Day! Brighten the day of those in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Centers, and Rehabilitation Facilities. This was a county wide project which brought joy and warmth to our community's hearts! Our club made 100 cards



Arlington Lions (continued).....

Fun was had by all - we had over 70 people attend; Fish Bake, Rice, Broccoli, Breads and Dessert.



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

 Saint James
Episcopal Church
*The first parish of the Episcopal Church
in Vermont, established in 1764*
Church St. Arlington, Vt.



MENU
Cod or Chicken Fingers, Rice, Vegetable,
Dessert, Tea, Coffee
5PM - 7PM or until food runs out

Free Will Offering*
Any donation gleaned at the dinner will benefit the
Arlington Food Shelf

 Sponsored by the Arlington Lions Club 



**FOOD FROM
THE HEART**



Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions Club



Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions Club
MEN AND WOMEN GUIDED BY KINDNESS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES
AND THE WORLD IN TIMES OF NEED.

Pancake Breakfast

April 27th and 28th ~ 7 am till Noon
St. Albans City School, 29 Bellows Street, St. Albans, VT

Dine In
\$11 Person
5 and Under Free
Grab and Go
\$11 Person
Reserve Not Necessary
but can reserve by
emailing
swantonlions@gmail.com
calling
802-582-2288
Cash or Credit Card

MENU
Pancakes
Scrambled
Eggs
Sausage
Home Fries
Milk, Coffee
PURE VT
MAPLE
SYRUP



Proceeds to Benefit the Less Fortunate
Through Community Service Projects



Castleton Lions Club

The recent collaboration of the
Castleton Lions with our local
Community
Health Center for Diabetes
Screening and Education.



PROVIDED PHOTO
Community Health nurses, Claudia Courcelle and Michele Redman, joined
Castleton Lions Club members Pete Diercksen and Joe Orzell to provide a
free pre-diabetes blood glucose screening service recently at Castleton
Community Center.



Castleton Lions Club



Basket Raffle

Donate a basket,
receive a sheet of
tickets!
Call Diane
802-265-3606

April 6
at the

Castleton Legion

\$5 admission includes 1 sheet of tickets

Special raffle
for
high \$\$ items

\$2 for each
additional sheet

50/ 50 tickets



Doors open at 11

Drawings start at 1:00



Lunch and baked goods
will be for sale during
the basket raffle!



[Essex Junction Lions Club](#) "Food From The Heart" food drive to benefit the Heavenly Pantry Food Shelf. Essex Jct. Hannaford was so welcoming and eager to help the community by accommodating space for this donation bin.



BREAKING NEWS



The best feeling of happiness is when you're happy because you've made someone else happy.



UPDATE:



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

Our next VLC meeting is at the next forum on March 16th at the Dummerston Grange. The meeting will follow the honorary meeting at approximately 10:30. Vice President Bruce is once again spearheading the Money Tree Raffle, please reach out to him if you wish to participate. Due to time constraints in January the audit committee was unable to fully complete the audit. PDG Kathy Dorman will lead the finalization of the audit which at this time is planned for Friday the 15th.

Yours in Lionism
PDG Merry Souza
VLC President



Vision Screening Report



March 2024

As District 45 Lions, many of us are part of the vision screening process. We go to schools, talk to nurses, screen kiddos and hope that the next school year we can return. There is a gentleman, a Lion even, who travels all over the country with the mission of talking to school nurses and state school nurse Administrators explaining to these very overworked individuals the value of allowing Lions to enter their school and vision screen with our cameras. He explains what we do, free of charge, usually on the nurse's schedule and lets them know we can help them evaluate a student's ability to see properly and maybe even discover issues with vision that may be hindering a student's learning. His name is Lion Michael Wright, and he came to Vermont this past week to further his mission of helping us gain more access into Vermont schools. He had meetings with school nurses all over the state. While here, he offered to stop in and give us a preview of the training we will be getting view zoom in the months ahead.

Lion Michael is well versed in the new Plusoptix cameras we have just purchased. Having worked for Plusoptix (not presently but previously), and because he and I have been communicating about the values of color-blind screening, eye dominance testing and yes, vision screening in general he was able to get the blessing of the Plusoptix company to come and give us a lesson on our new screeners while he was in Vermont. His "day job" is as a teacher of the visually impaired, with experience over the past 20 years working with children and adults who are blind or have low vision. He has worked with organizations such as Lions Clubs International and the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks all over the country to improve vision screening programs in schools and local communities. Through the non-profit organization, Advocates for Blind Citizens, and as Executive Director, Michael oversees the development of training programs for post-acute care providers and coordinates the services offered through the "Solutions on Low Vision" training seminars which they sponsor.

With all that being said, I want to thank the 20 Lion Visioneers who gave up a beautiful Saturday morning to attend this very quickly organized training in Springfield. Michael's trip to our state is not his first. He was a presenter at last year's Vermont School Nurse Conference where he was successful in educating many of these nurses in the value of our vision screening program. His trip this week was also a quickly organized affair on his part as he took advantage of a lull in his schedule to meet with several more school nurses here in Vermont who wish to get further information about his services. I have been asked by Michael if I would attend the Vermont State School Nurses convention with him in March. I could not pass up on such an invitation.

Now for numbers and results from my own great Lions. To date District 45 has screened **17863** students with **2009** referrals. This is such a great accomplishment! Thank you all for the hard work and organizational skills you have exemplified these past many months.

May you all enjoy the coming warmer weather, and the best of what Spring has to offer!

Yours in Kindness and Gratitude.

FVDG Deb

Photos from the Vision Screening Training held in Springfield



DISCOVER

We Have a Plan

We have a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired, and remain committed to continuing this mission into our next century of service.

Our Strategic Objective

Prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

TALES OF THE POST-SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

February 2024

Wherever Karol and I go this year in our Lions travels, such as the NELC meeting in Rhode Island in early January and the NH MD 44 State Mid- winter a couple of weeks ago (held in Westwood, MA, due to the NH primary and the hotels unwilling to commit to a “Lions” rate!), there is one topic that often is being discussed - Mission 1.5!

Now before you roll your eyes and mutter, “Another membership joke ...just another name for the same ole, same ole.”, hear me out for a couple of more lines! Mission 1.5 is indeed a plan to grow our membership to 1.5 million Lions by 2027 when Lion Mark is our International President! But the goal is not the membership for the sake of numbers. Mission 1.5 is all about service!

Now I do not know your club necessarily, but if you are like my club, you get it for service needs. We have 30 members, but most of the time there are 12 or 13 Lions doing the work for our service to the community. An addition of three new members this year is a 10% increase in membership. But that is a 25% increase in hands working on projects to aid those who need us every day of our service.

That is an ability to serve more people by having more Lions to share the work. Last Lions year, worldwide we served around 600 million people. And that is only from the numbers actually reported by clubs to International. We are confident that we can serve 1 billion of the world’s citizens. But to do so, we need another 100,000 Lions worldwide to have the needed bodies to get the projects done. But that starts with each of our clubs gaining 1, 2, 3, or more Lions each year. And each of us will appreciate having a new pair of hands beside us!

So how do you get a new member? ASK! It really is that simple. What is the worst that can happen? You will not get shot! Some potential Lion might say “No thank you”, at least the first time or two when asked. A possible blow to your ego, but not a disaster.

So, what do we say to those that we ask? Do you have your “elevator speech” as to who and what Lions are? What do you emphasize?

1. I talk about Fun - Fellowship - Friendship! We have fun working together which creates fellowship in our clubs. From there, new friendships grow.
2. Emphasize the chance to make a difference! “Where there is a need, there is always a Lion, and you can be part of the solution.”
3. Tell them that we are a non-political service club worldwide, with an openness to all as we simply believe in helping others in need.
4. Let them know that there is the chance for personal growth and development through our training in person and on-line programs.
5. Ask them to “Make Things Happen” by being actively involved in rolling up their sleeves, finding solutions as a group, and getting things done in their community!

It really can be that simple for each of us. My club has two new members so far this year. We are trying for a couple of more as, personally, I need more hands helping as I age! I suspect some of you know what that is like! And with more Lions on board, we can tackle larger projects in the community!

Karol and I will be at the Lions Day at the United Nations, affectionately called LDUN, the first weekend of March. Not having been able to attend the last two years as we fulfilled our duties (and Covid the year before), we are excited to participate in our long-time relationship and hear of the new joint projects.

And who knows where else we will be seen. We are ready to join you for special events, or everyday events - just call us!

Karol and I thank all of you again for this honor to serve Lions and the world. We trust that we do our best to represent all Lions world-wide and can continue this service to you wherever we are needed.

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

Marketing Matters
Tips & Ideas to Enhance Your Lions Club
Gain Membership through *Front Porch Forum*



As a Lions club, being known in the community is really a top priority, and there are lots of ways to make your club known. Word of mouth is best, but social media gets the word out to those who aren't "in your circle" in your community. Nowadays, social communications are a **must** – to reach those who don't understand the joy of being a Lion, or services offered for free to those in town. That includes those new to your area, who haven't yet experienced the *goodwill* others in your community have for your club – and that is a demographic you truly need.

No, you need *not* be on Facebook, Instagram, nor feel that you must 'check the feed' all the time.

What about **Front Porch Forum**? It is effective! And it is simple. No strings attached. If folks are interested, they contact you ...or just show up!

At the last meeting of the Champlain Valley Lions (my new club), a lady came who, years ago, earned a scholarship from a Lions club in the hometown where she grew up, in Massachusetts. She hadn't thought of Lions since college – **but upon reading our club's simple FPF posting, thought, "I want to check that out!"** She got a lot out of her first meeting with us, and members learned a lot from her, too.

Writing can be daunting. So, please borrow & edit what our club's PR chair, Lion Patience Merriman, wrote for our own boilerplate about the **opportunity** to join us. Here it is:

For FPF

The Champlain Valley Lions (CVL) invites all interested neighbors to our monthly meeting on _ (date & time) __at __ (name of specific location & street address/room#)_. We have over 30 members now and are actively seeking community-minded folks to join us for service and social opportunities. Champlain Valley Lions welcomes your energy and ideas – especially as we chart a course for community service and fundraising in 2024. Are you someone who likes to get involved, meet new people, and make a difference? Do you believe kindness matters? Come learn more about Lions – the world's largest service organization – and help us build a club that makes a difference for South Burlington, Burlington, and Shelburne.

Front Porch Forum is an easy one. Try it for yourself! Here's the link: frontporchforum.com

As District Governor Travis says, "**Membership continues to be a priority, please reach out to the resources that we have available...**" Go for it. 😊

Feel free to contact me with your questions & thoughts: lionmark2000@outlook.com. Best wishes for success.
Mark Hanna, Public Relations and Information Chair for D45 Vermont Lions. D-45 Marketing Matters for March 2024



THE LOUISVILLE PACESETTER

Louisville 2024
SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024

*The Latest News & Information for the 2024
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum*

FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVE TO ATTEND THE FORUM

STEVE SHERER, GENERAL FORUM CHAIR

The holidays are over, and things are beginning to slow down. But the planning for the Forum never slows down. Let's make a resolution to get as many Lions to Louisville as possible. Let registering for the Forum be one of the first things you do this new year!



Coming to a Forum is such a great educational experience but the social aspect of the Forum is just as great. You will have the opportunity to interact with 2000 other Lions from around the United States and Canada who have just as much great information to share as our presenters. You will have the opportunity to attend seminars presented by our International Officers, stop by the International

Directors booth to have one-on-one conversations. Pick up additional courses towards your Lions University degrees. And speaking of the seminars, I just received an update to the seminars list from our education team and they are putting together an outstanding list of learning opportunities. There are also many other opportunities to take part in in Louisville. Perhaps you might like to take a trip to the Louisville Slugger Museum and pick up a personalized bat.

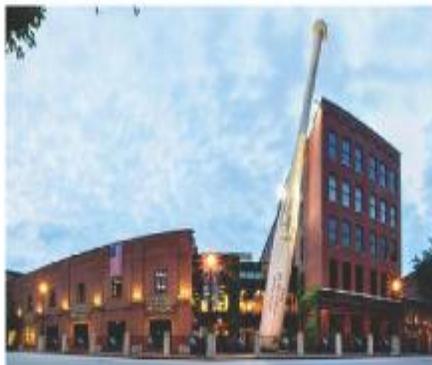
Stroll down sports history by attending the Muhammad Ali Museum. Take a side trip to Churchill Downs, home of the famous Kentucky Derby. Or perhaps just stop at one of the many restaurants in downtown Louisville for a great meal and refreshments.

Our horses are still in the stables being cared for and fed, but I promise when the time comes, they will be ready to enter the paddock and set a pace of learning and excitement in September. Don't miss out on this great learning opportunity.

Visit the website: lionsforum.org and register today.



Hitting the bag at the Ali Museum



The Louisville Slugger Museum



Churchill Downs

MANY ATTRACTIONS IN AND AROUND LOUISVILLE

CHUCK CARLSON, HOST COMMITTEE CHAIR

Please think about spending some extra time in Louisville during Forum week. There are so many sites that are within walking distance of most of the Louisville hotels, and some a short drive away. Come in a little earlier or stay a little longer. The Forum room rates are guaranteed two (2) days before and two (2) days after the Forum.

Mohammad Ali Museum: Visit and see where the greatest fighter of all time called his home. See clips of his fights and interviews. Also see his boxing memorabilia.

Louisville Slugger: Take a tour to see how baseball bats are made. Visit the gift shop and purchase a souvenir bat in your favorite color then add your own name or one of your loved ones.

Evan Williams Experience: During the tour you will see the process on how bourbon is made and bottled and its history. Of course, sample some of their flight bourbons after the tour. Their gift shop is ready to sell items for your pleasure.

Derby City Gaming Downtown: Get lucky in Louisville. This brand new facility has just opened this past December. Open most days between 9 a.m. and 2 a.m. Test your skills on the slot machines and visit the gift shop.

Whiskey Row: Visit this block-long area on Main Street featuring many local restaurants and a few distilleries.

Belle of Louisville: (pictured below) Visit this historic 108-year-old authentic steamboat, the last of its kind from the great American packet boat era. Plan a luncheon cruise or a four-course dinner cruise. Maybe just stop by for a photo op.



Fourth Street Live: This is the place to visit for some exciting late night entertainment. Many restaurants offer a mixture of menus for lunch and dinner. During your Friday night at the Forum, this is a great area to eat.

A SHORT DRIVE AWAY

Churchill Downs: Visit the home of the world famous Kentucky Derby. Take a tour of the facility, taste the fabulous Mint Julep during lunch.

Corvette Museum: A short drive down I-65 to Bowling Green to see where the iconic car is made and learn of its unique history.



Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington: Enjoy a casual 3-5 hour tour at a minimal cost for this educational theme park to learn about this working farm and its equestrian competition venue.

Louisville Mega Cavern: The world's only fully-underground zip line.

Kentucky Bourbon Trail: Visit many distilleries while you are in Bourbon country.



**Consider
volunteering
at the Forum**

Fill out the form on the next page or lionsforum.org



Volunteer Sign-Up
2024 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 5-7, 2024
Louisville, KY USA



The Host Committee needs 350-400 volunteers. Help us make this the best Forum ever!

Name:		Club:	
Address:			District:
City:	State/Prov:	Zip/Postal Code:	
Home Phone:		Email:	
NEEDED for communication during Forum: Cell Phone:			

Please check availability to volunteer and preferences for jobs. You can do more than one job.

NOTE: ** Seated Jobs

PRE-FORUM (Some jobs may be required until 5pm Thursday)

Availability:

Wednesday, Sept 4

Thursday, Sept 5

Jobs:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Airport Greeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare Hospitality Baskets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Peace Poster Display Setup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forum Store Setup
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Committee Office Setup	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Packet/Bag packing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pin Trader Set-up	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration **
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Anywhere/As Needed

FORUM

Availability:

Thursday, Sept 5

Friday, Sept 6

Saturday, Sept 7

Jobs:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration **	<input type="checkbox"/>	Update Signage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forum Store Workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminar Greeter and Runner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strides Walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greeters/Traffic Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Committee Officer Workers **	<input type="checkbox"/>	Forum Store Take-Down (Sat Only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meal – Seat availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Committee Office Take-Down (Sat Only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meal – Display Table Signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anywhere/As Needed
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

* Must be registered for the Forum: lionsforum.org

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM
TO: VolunteerKYForum@gmail.com



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

Dear Lions,

This incredible planet is our home and taking care of this earth starts with each of us. As we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, I encourage you to inspire others to join you in an environmental service project, such as planting trees, reducing waste or cleaning up a beach. There are so many ways that you and your club can make a real impact on our planet, and we have great resources on our website that can help you get started.

Caring for our environment is one of the most important issues that we're facing, so let's all work to ensure the health of our planet and of our communities so we can look forward to a brighter tomorrow.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

Be sure to watch this special video from President Hill about spreading peace and international understanding through our Peace Poster and Essay Contests.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sjWX1dbD98>

Celebrate Earth Day with Service

Earth Day is on April 22, and now is the time to start planning a great project that will get your club and your community involved in protecting and preserving our planet. Check out the new [environmental resources](#) for inspiration for your project.

Be sure to watch President Hill's video, [#LionsGoGreen](#), to see how you can use creativity and fun to raise awareness about taking care of our planet. And don't miss the [winning videos](#) for the Leo Video contest highlighting Leos' environmental projects.

Great Marketing Starts with a Great Plan

Whether you're looking to promote your great Earth Day project, a fundraiser or a new member drive, having a marketing and promotions plan can help you achieve the results you're looking for.



The new [Marketing Campaign Planner](#) walks you through the planning process to make it easy to promote all the great projects and events you're doing, so download it today and start planning for success.



Get Your Peace Poster and Essay Contests Kits

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 and Essay Poster Contests. Kits for the 2024-25 contests, *Peace Without Limits*, are now available, so [order yours today](#).



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

I continue to be impressed by the projects Lions are implementing in their communities, made possible through LCIF. As you read this month's newsletter highlighting ways Lions and LCIF are helping alleviate hunger worldwide through our service together, I hope you are inspired to continue supporting LCIF both financially and as an ambassador for our foundation. As we work together to achieve *MISSION 1.5*, and invite new members into our awesome organization, your stories of service empowered by our global foundation can inspire potential members to join us in our work to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need across the globe.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in the 2023 Melvin Jones Photo Contest for sharing your photo and reasons for supporting the mission of LCIF. Congratulations to the winners, featured on the [Melvin Jones Photo Contest](#) page. I encourage everyone to visit *LCIF: Stories of Pride* to share your grant-funded projects with your fellow Lions and to read about humanitarian projects around the world.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Easing Food Insecurity in Canada

Read how Lions from nine clubs in Canada, empowered by an LCIF Hunger Grant, partnered with the Riversyde 83 Community Food Hub to develop a new food-focused community center to help people in need.

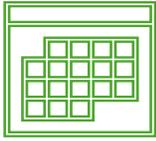
Thank You Donors!

With 100% of donations benefiting grants and programs, every gift to LCIF makes a difference to someone in need. Thank you for making your contribution to the world.

LCIF Grant Spotlight: Hunger



Nearly 1 billion people worldwide experience food insecurity. Through the LCIF Hunger Grant, Lions can support school-based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers and similar facilities that provide food to people when they need it most.



Deadline to register for Spring Forum - March 9, 2024



SPRING FORUM REGISTRATION

Dummerston Grange 1008 East
West Road Dummerston, Vt. 05301

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

Name: _____

Club: _____

Club/District Title: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Contact #: _____

Cost: \$25

Includes Breakfast & Lunch

Make Checks Payable to:

VT District 45

Registration due no later than:

Saturday, March 9

Send registration form to:

CS Tanya Letourneau. vtliontanya@gmail.com

55 Jericho Rd. Essex Junction, VT 05452

Break out your **Green** clothing, jewelry, hat, glasses and 4-leaf clover pins for a chance to win a St. Patrick's Day Gift Basket

Legend has it that **Green** is to be worn "to make you invisible to leprechauns"



8:00am Registration

8:30 – 9:00 Coffee & Light Breakfast

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome, Opening Comments

9:10 – 11:00 *Serving with Purpose:*

Inspiring Stories Workshop

Team Building Activities

Lion Susan Toth & Lion Jeanne McDermott

Arlington Lions Club

9:00 – 10:30 Honorary Committee

10:30 – 11:00 VLC

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 *Diabetes* Workshop: Dr. Peter Dickerson – Castleton Lions Club

11:30 – 12:00 Roundtable Discussion

12:00 Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 Cabinet Meeting

Any questions please reach out to DG Travis or CS Tanya
Registration due no later than: Saturday, March 9, 2024



March Cabinet Meeting
March 16th 2024
Dummerston VT

Meeting Called to Order- DG
3 Point Opening
Introductions- CS Tanya
Roll Call- CS Tanya
Minutes of the Secretary Minutes- CS Tanya
Minutes of the Treasurer Report- CT Loreen
Honorary Report- IPDG Kathy
VLC- PDG Merry
LCIF Super Raffle- PDG Merry,PDG Betsy
Global Leadership- PDG Pam
Global Membership VDG Deb,
Vision Report VDG Deb Savery
Peace Poster FC Susan Toth
Speak Out Contest PDG Ken
Twin State Soccer PDG Carol
Leo's
Membership Minute
2024 Convention DG Travis/ PDG Carol
Old Business
New Business
Questions on committee reports
Lions ROAR
Fundraising
DG Closing Remarks
Adjournment

Come join D44N – Spring Convention - May 10-12, 2024



District 44N Spring Convention
Town & Country Inn and Resort
20 US-2 #1033
Shelburne NH 03581
May 10 – 12, 2024



Special Guest: International Director Honorable Anthony Paradiso

Guest #1 _____ Club _____

Guest #2 _____ Club _____

Contact Number _____

Meals and Registration	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Dinner & entertainment, Friday & Saturday		\$77.00	
Friday buffet & entertainment only		\$37.00	
Saturday banquet only		\$40.00	

Total Due \$

Friday night buffet: Italian with plated tossed salad; sweet sausage stuffed shells; homemade lasagna; meatless fettuccini primavera; garlic bread; anti-pasta platter; raspberry cannoli

Saturday banquet: Baked Boneless Chicken Breast Vegetarian Stuffed Shells

Broiled Fresh Filet of Boston Haddock

Served with tossed salad, dressing, seasonal vegetables, steamed potatoes, rolls, coffee & ice cream puffs

Please note any special dietary needs: _____

Deadline for meal reservations is May 1, 2024

Hotel reservations should be made by calling the Town & Country Resort and Inn
1-800-325-4386 reference District 44N Lions Rate: \$119.00 plus tax & \$3 service fee

Make checks payable to: Lions District 44N

Mail checks and form to: CST Gregg Kleiner
PO Box 94
Keene NH 03431

District 44N Food Drive

When: May 10 & 11



*Main Drop Off: Town & Country Inn
Shelburne NH*



**OTHER LOCATIONS
TO BE DETERMINED**

Sign up to man a location and/or bring food items or a check to support the Feeding Hope Food Pantry



JUDGE ANTHONY W. PARADISO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Judge Anthony W. Paradiso from Rockville Centre, New York, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Paradiso has more than 30 years of law experience and is currently a district court judge responsible for the adjudication of criminal cases in Nassau County, New York.

Looking for an opportunity to give back to his community for the scholarships that allowed him to attend college and later, law school, he was drawn to the service that Lions were providing. He joined the Rockville Centre Lions Club in 1996 where he has continuously served ever since. In addition to his leadership at the district level, he has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council parliamentarian. He also served as the Lions Clubs International's representative to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime from 2010 to 2023. He has been a group leader for multiple DGE seminars, a panel moderator for LDUN and a forum presenter.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Brandel-Murphy Miracles Through Service Award and Robert J. Uplinger Award. He is also the recipient of multiple International President's Awards and International President's Leadership Awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Paradiso is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is an executive director and past president of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Nassau County, a past director for the Nassau County Bar Association and past president for the District Court Judges' Association.

When not engaged in Lion service, Director Paradiso enjoys traveling, art appreciation and sharing good food and wine with friends.

