



April 2024

From the Desk of the DG,

Welcome Spring!!! Well at least on the calendar. What a storm we just dug out from. Hope everyone is safe and healthy. I know as the warmer weather approaches our clubs are gearing up to do great things. We are still making great progress in our membership goals, keep up the good work!

Convention is coming fast (much faster than i would like) registration is out please plan on attending. Lots of fun activities are planned, From a Murder Mystery on friday night to a carnival on Sat afternoon. All the other official stuff will happen too! All monies raised at the convention fun carnival will be donated to LCIF.

We are having a basket raffle again this year. We are looking for clubs and members to put together baskets for us to raffle off. Please let PDG Carol know if you would like to donate a basket.

Another new fun event this year will be a picture contest, any Lion can participate. Please let DG know if you would like to enter a picture, the rules are simple, the picture must be an 8x10, in a frame, and be of Lions doing what Lions Do best! They will be on display all day Saturday, and each member at the convention will be able to vote on their favorite, the picture with the most votes will win 1st place, there will also be 2nd and third place awards. Get your cameras out or dig through all your pictures and get them submitted.

After the Melvin Jones dinner on Saturday night there will be dancing with DJ Dave!
Pack your dancing shoes!

Thank everyone for a great spring forum in Dummerston. Alot of learning and fun were had by all that attended. If anyone needs information on the solar cookers that PDG Henry spoke about, please let me know. I have all the information I can send to you.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns, I am so proud to be able to lead this great group of Lions!! Let's ROAR

DG Travis



From International Director Steve Middlemiss

LeeAnn and I have been fortunate to visit some amazing Lions over the past few months. Our travels have taken us to New York, Minnesota, Tennessee, Kentucky and recently Indiana not to mention Vancouver for the March Board meeting. Our schedule going forward after Easter weekend will be a whirlwind as we will be traveling 8 straight weekends visiting Lions across the country. Every day we thank the Lions of NH for your support as we campaigned for this position. It is an amazing experience.

A couple of things from the recent board meeting. Exciting times are ahead as we will have a new way to receive and supply information to Lions International. The Lions Portal will be launched beginning April 15. It will not be active for everyone that day as they will be launching to US Lions during that week. I have attached a QR code which will allow you access to several videos explaining the Portal. It is very important that each Lion have their own email address in order to be connected to the new Portal. Please do it soon as MyLion and My LCI will be shut down on April 12 to transfer data to the new Portal.

At the convention in Australia one of the items on the ballot will be to add the District GAT team (GET, GLT, GMT, GST) and LCIF chair to the current list of individuals as a candidate for the office of second vice district governor. All other requirements will remain.

SVDG training will begin this upcoming summer. So those of you who are moving into that position watch for upcoming emails and info regarding the training sessions.

We are looking forward to continuing our travels and to the experiences we will have.

We continue to look forward to serving the Lions of NH and the World as we all work toward "Changing the World".

Yours in Lionism,

ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn

(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)



Troy and Area Lions Sponsors Blood Drives

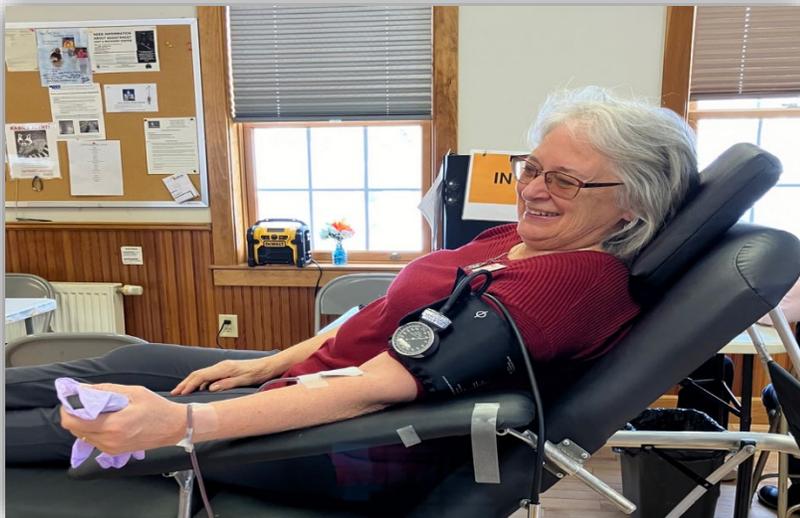
The Troy and Area Lions Club, together with Knights of Columbus, sponsors quarterly blood drives for the Red Cross at the Westfield Community Center. Our normal collection is between 25 and 30 pints, a very good result for our small community.

Our last drive on March 11 had 37 donors registered — a record number for Westfield! But Mother Nature sent us a snowstorm and consequently we had a record number of cancellations and no-shows instead. So, we only got 16 units of blood, which was a disappointment but still potentially 16 lives saved, so a success nonetheless.

We are very fortunate to have so much support from our community— our loyal blood donors, wonderful Lions volunteers, top-notch Red Cross staff, Knights of Columbus volunteers who take care of the banner and the posters, and local businesses who provide us with a door prize for our raffle every time.

And now, with the critical shortage in the blood supply nationwide, we are getting ready to step up our efforts to help even more. As of this June, we are planning to increase our blood drives in Westfield to every 2 months. An informal poll of our dedicated donors received a resounding positive response to this change.

Lion Sue Scott, our blood drive chairperson, happily donates while Lion Louis Handy (2nd photo, on the right) makes sure that no one goes home hungry or thirsty, offering a donor some refreshment.



Arlington Lions

ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB *and*
RED MT. LODGE #63 *HOSTS*



**EASTER
EGG
HUNT**

EGG HUNT Ages 2 - 8
 SCAVENGER HUNT

Story Trail

RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY 3/30/24

March 23, 2024
 Rain/Snow Date 3/30/24

11:00 am Free Admission
 Arlington Rec Park Lions Club Pavilion

Bring your own Easter Basket!

Want to help the Easter Bunny hide the eggs?
 Contact Lion Susan to volunteer at
askalion@arlingtonlions.com

ARLINGTON LEO CLUB

**LOOKING FOR
TEEN VOLUNTEERS!**

GRADES 6 - 12

Are You Interested In
Making A Difference In
Your Community?

JOIN
 Leo Club Advisors
 for an Ice Cream Social
 and Fun Service Project!
 Become a Member

**BE THE CHANGE
YOU WANT TO SEE
IN THE WORLD**

- Great Leadership Opportunities!
- Receive Community Service Hours!
- Training & Skill Building Activities!
- Fun Times!

**SUNDAY
APRIL 7
4:00 PM**



**ARLINGTON
COMMUNITY
HOUSE**

JOIN US TODAY!

SPONSORED BY THE
 ARLINGTON
 LIONS CLUB
askalion@arlingtonlions.com

The [Arlington Vermont Lions Club](#) is hosting the Memorial Day Parade on May 27th. The theme is Thank you for your service. We are having a float contest 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50. If you are interested in participating I would need to know by March 25th. So we can start putting it all together. You can reach me at 802-734-1459.

Heartland Lions

Heartland Lions have been busy selling roses. This year the club donated roses to shut-ins, as PDG Walter noted, this made their day, and it was great to bring a smile to their faces when he made his deliveries.

Also, PDG Carol Greene & PDG Walter Hastings were invited to District 12-L Spring Convention in Union City, TN on March 15-16 to share about Service Projects. They shared about various service projects they had been involved with at both club and District levels.

DG Mark & PDG Robin Cantara (District 12-L) attended D45 fall convention in 2021 and has stayed in touch with PDG Carol & PDG Walter. Thanks, DG Mark, for inviting us to your spring convention. Being a Lion has opened many doors and opportunities. We appreciate this chance to share about SERVICE.

This is what it means to be a LION.



DG Mark Cantara, PDG Robin Cantara, PDG Walter Hastings, PDG Carol Greene

The fun and fellowship – Service isn't just meaningful. It's fun. We build new friendships in our clubs and new connections in our communities. We laugh. We bond. We serve, and we do it with a smile and an open heart.

Colchester Lions Club

Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the Easter Bunny for a great egg hunt at 10 a.m. on **Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Bayside Park**. Bring a bag or basket to put your eggs and goodies in. Please dress appropriately because you never know what Vermont's weather has in store for us.

Please Park your vehicles at Colchester High School and enter the park by the softball field road off Laker Lane. Children will be separated into age groups to hunt for eggs in different areas of Bayside Park. Ages 4 and under will be at Lower Bayside Park. Ages 5 through 8 will be at Upper Bayside Park. Don't miss this great event!



Colchester Lions Club will be hosting a **food drive** for the Colchester Community Food Shelf at the Easter Egg hunt. We are requesting that all participants bring at least one non-perishable or canned item to the hunt.

Jericho – Underhill Lions Club

Diaper Drive: A diaper drive was organized by Lion Jay Meadows. The event was a middle school basketball game where participants and spectators were asked to donate diapers for the local food shelf to distribute. A total of over 1500 diapers were collected. (see photo)

Blood Drive: On February 7th, our club, led by Lion Michael Willard, executed a local Red Cross blood drive. The drive collected 44 pints of blood products.

Town Meeting lunch buffet: On March 5th, our club (headed by lions Chuck Cyr and Lisa Kirchberg) organized and executed a potluck lunch buffet for attendees of the annual Underhill town meeting. The luncheon was very well attended and people expressed their sincere thanks for providing an event where they could mingle with fellow community members.

Dictionary project: We are currently undergoing our annual dictionary donations to every 3rd grader in our school district. Lions Chuck Cyr and Mike Munson have enjoyed distributing the dictionaries to excited 3rd graders.(see photo)





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



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

Special Thanks to Lion Woody Stoddard, PDGS John Tiholiz and Kathy Dorman for all their hard work and effort in successfully completing this years audit.

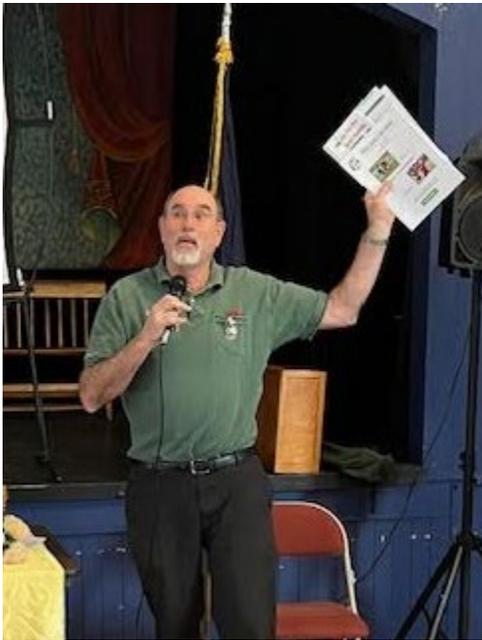
We had a very productive meeting in March, we approved the current budget, Lion Randy Bigelow provided us with data and insight about our past and current Eyeglass assistance and hearing aid programs, we approved the purchase of 5 additional vision screening cameras, Lion Jackie joined us via zoom and we discussed the Rick Dutil We Serve Scholarship, approved support to our District Leo clubs, discussion was held and a future zoom meeting is planned with the GMLC committee concerning funds for Green Mountain Lions Camp, discussion was also held concerning the cancer coin canisters. I am asking any Lions and Clubs who have canisters out in the community to please check on them as we heard reports that some may not be checked on regularly, would also request any unused canister please be returned to us so we can distribute to other clubs and community areas that would like to utilize them. Vice President Bruce is once again spearheading the Money Tree Raffle, please reach out to him if you wish to participate we will be drawing the winner at Spring Convention.

As a reminder we do not plan on meeting at Spring Convention, therefore if there are any request please do no hesitate to reach out to me, our committee will continue to communicate in support as needed.

Yours in Lionism
PDG Merry Souza
VLC President

Spring Forum Thanks to all who came!





Thanks to DG Travis & PDG Betsy for photos!

TALES OF THE POST-SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

MARCH 2024

Karol and I spent last weekend doing a Lions project that is available to each of us every March! We attended Lions Day at the United Nations! It is a wonderful program that celebrates our partnership with the United Nations from its founding. When President Roosevelt called nations together in 1945 to organize so as to prevent a World War three, Lions were there with Melvin Jones assisting. We were then asked to found the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) of the United Nations. We are among a small handful of non-state members of the UN. While we do not have a vote like member states do, we have 15 Lions who serve on UN committees and do have full participation,

This year, Karol and I arrived by 1pm, and promptly attended a training session by the UN training staff on Advocacy. We learned how to tie environmental stewardship into small scale international development to combat poverty.

The real basic idea is that if the environmental arm of a state receives a grant to preserve a span of nature, it invariably creates a national park that removes indigenous peoples from the area, increasing their poverty as well as making them refugees without homes. But if the money goes into economic development tied to the environment, the local people remain but with life changes, such as solar ovens so that there is no need for the women to cut every tree for miles around just for cooking. That loss of trees causes contamination of wells, so the women and children then have to walk for miles to carry home potable water. Once the time working on such basics is reduced, then a craft or other business is developed. In Malawi, one village built 5 greenhouses and now raise all the vegetables for the village and sell a surplus to neighboring villages. With that new money, the children get a chance for education! Now that is Advocacy at work. These tools are not limited in their use to African villages and countries but can apply to projects right here in the USA. It is a process that will get results.

That night we had dinner with other attendees, several UN ambassadors, and staff, and Lions from around the world. The ambassador from Sri Lanka spent much time talking with me before dinner in English better than my own! He is a lawyer, so we had that in common. But also, was a politician, then Supreme Court justice but had to retire at 65 (term limits by age!) and now the UN permanent representative.

Friday was the traditional LDUN agenda with presentations from ambassadors, UN staff, and Lions on UN committees telling us of the works in progress. We also were the first to learn who the winner of the Lions Peace essay contest is this year and saw the Peace Poster that is this year's Grand Prize winner. Go to lionsclubs.com to see the absolutely stunning art by an eleven-year-old from China!

By the way, if you cannot make it to NYC, or just want a more worldly flavor, LDUN is done in Vienna/Geneva (even/odd years) and Nairobi each year.

But NYC was our choice for several reasons. Concord Trailways has an executive bus from Portland to NYC every morning, with only 3 seats across which are wider than airline seats and very comfortable and with a kitchenette at the back fully stocked with pastries, fruit, juices, water, soda, coffee, and tea! All for a round trip price that was less than our 4 days of parking would have been! And the bus stops across the street from the UN and a block-and-a-half from the Westin Grand Central where we were!

Yes, 4 days! You see, the Karol rule is days of Lions gets her days of additional events, when possible. Well, Saturday saw us with Lions from NJ with whom we served on the Board, Jeff and Ellyn Gans, at a matinee performance of "Chicago"! A leisurely and delicious Italian dinner across the street from the Westin made for a great day with friends.

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 worldwide and can continue this service to you wherever we are needed.

Many thanks again!

Lion John W. Youney,

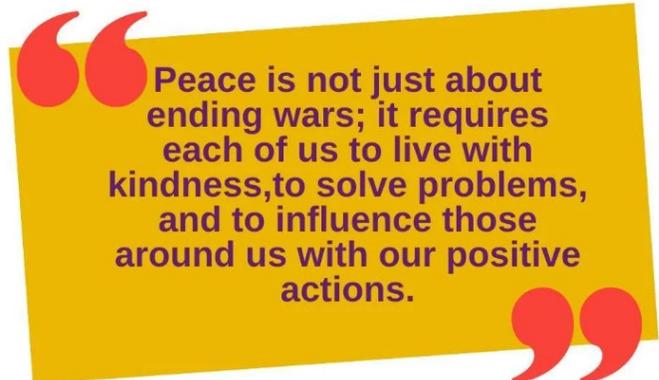
Past International Director 2021-2023,

& Lion Karol Kish Youney, Partner-in-Service



Fanjin Si
11 years old
China

Shaanxi
Datang
Lions Club



Peace is not just about ending wars; it requires each of us to live with kindness, to solve problems, and to influence those around us with our positive actions.

Fanjin Si

11 years old | China | Shaanxi Datang Lions Club



Spring Convention



VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45

Spring Convention, May 3, 4 & 5, 2024

Fireside Inn & Suites, 25 Airport Road, West Lebanon, NH 03784

Rooms \$119.95 per night

Please make your room reservation directly thru Fireside Inn & Suites

Phone: 603-298-5900

Please have guests ask for the **VT Lions Convention**

Please note if you are staying at Fireside Inn & Suites, breakfast is included with your room.

Room reservations must be made by April 10, 2024

We are looking forward to a fun-filled weekend with District 45.

The guest speaker for the weekend will be

International Director Steve Middlemiss

And his partner in service LeeAnn Middlemiss.



Schedule of Events:

Tentative Agenda

Friday Night:

Registration 4-6pm

Hospitality Room open 4-5:45pm



Murder Mystery 6-9pm includes dinner

Hospitality Room 9-

11pm



Saturday:

Registration 8-9am

Breakfast on your own (with your room)

9-1pm Convention (11am Speak Out Contest)

Lunch on your own

1-4pm Carnival, Basket raffle, Corn Hole
Tournament

4-5:00pm Hospitality room open

6pm Social Hour & Melvin Jones Dinner

8-11pm DJ and Dancing

11pm Hospitality room open

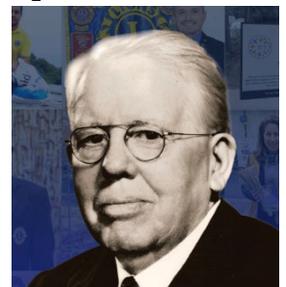
Sunday:

Breakfast (with your room)

8:30am Necrology service

9:30am Meet DGE Deb and Team

11am Depart





Please use this form for ordering MEALS ONLY:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Home Club Name: _____

Meal Package Prices:

Package Price A: \$100 per person (please indicate how many attending: _____)

Buffet Dinner Friday, Cash Bar Service

Plated Dinner Saturday Night, Cash Bar Service

Package Price C: \$50 per person (please indicate how many attending: _____)

Buffet (including strawberry shortcake) & show for Friday Night ONLY

Package Price B: \$58 per person (please indicate how many attending: _____)

Dinner & Cash Bar for Saturday Night ONLY

Choice of Dinner Selections:

Maple Mustard Glazed Chicken Breast or

Roast Prime Rib of Beef (includes salad and seasonal cheesecake)

Please note that no outside food or beverage is permitted in the meeting room.

The Hotel must provide all food & beverage items.

Please indicate: # attending/meals _____/Meal choice (Saturday Night)_____

Total cost: \$ _____

Meals must be paid to District 45 Lions no later than April 10, 2024

Please mail to CS Tany Letourneau, 55 Jericho Road, Essex Jct., VT 05452

Please make your room reservation directly thru Fireside Inn & Suites

Phone: 603-298-5900

**\$10
TEAM**

**BENEFIT
LCIF**



Cornhole Tournament

FIRESIDE INN

Saturday May 5th

Pre-Register - Lion Dick Souza

802-370-0820

papafireman17@gmail.com

or day of the event

prizes for top three teams





Ever wanted to be an actor/actress?

Now's your chance. We are looking for 10-12 volunteers to be a part of our Carnival Murder Mystery at convention. Please let the DG know if you would like to take part! Sooner than later would be best, your role will be assigned soon by Lion Patty!!

MAY 5TH WILL BE VERMONT
LIONS ANNUAL MEMORIAL
SERVICE. PLEASE SEND PHOTO AND
BRIEF HISTORY OF 2023-2024
DEPARTED MEMBERS TO
swantonlions@gmail.com

PDG Sherrilee Juare ~ PDG Merry Souza

Vision Report

There will be no vision Screening report for April. The May report will be substantial. Nothing new since the spring cabinet forum. Keep reporting your screenings to FVDG Deb for her records. Thanks for all that you do!



Vision

We are a world leader in the effort to prevent avoidable blindness, and we're diligently working with Lions clubs and local partners to help provide the local capacity building, training, medications and treatment needed for those with eye diseases and to provide disability rehabilitation and education for all.

New England Lions Council



New England Lions Council (NELC)

"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"

2024 NELC "Spring Weekend"

GAT Theme: Leadership Development

May 17th – 18th (NOTE: Friday/Saturday Event)

At: Bennington Elks Lodge, 125 Washington Avenue, Bennington, VT 05201
Friday Night Room Discount of \$199 at the Hampton Inn, 51 Hannaford Square, Bennington, VT/ Room rate includes Breakfast / Mention Link: *New England Lions*
Deadline for this Rate: April 5th / Front Desk/Reservations: 802-440-9862
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/benytlx-nlc-36630e94-2536-40d0-a564-ed138d9b737f/>

FRIDAY EVENING 6PM-10PM

Fellowship (& meal if you like) at the Publyk House, 782 Harwood Hill Road, Bennington, VT

SATURDAY AM SEMINARS

9:30-10:30 - My Leadership Journey – as told by New England's Past International Directors
PID Joyce Middleton, PID John Youney, PID Ed Farrington, PID Ed Lecius and more

10:45 – 11:45 – Global Leadership Team Leaders – Panel Discussion – Facilitated by PDG John Babb
Listen to our GLT Leaders discuss their successes in identifying and motivating district leaders.
PCC Lori Ann Bennison, PDG Joy Doherty, PDG Sue Lindberg, PDG Pamela Nichols, Lion Lisa Montalto-Cerbone

LUNCHEON...

Luncheon Speaker: PDG Keith Lemire

Leadership in Lions: Strengthening our Bench

Immediately Followed By: Business Meeting & New England Governors' Reports

Saturday Luncheon

Saturday Noon Luncheon: Choice of assorted pre-made Sandwiches or Wraps, Potato Salad, Pesto Tortellini Salad, Garden Salad, Chips, Pickles, Dessert Platter of Cookies and Brownies, Assorted Drinks, Teas, Caffeinated & Decaffeinated Coffees. Gluten free sandwiches/wraps available upon request.

Lunch at \$35 x _____ Total = _____

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

DIST/MD: ____/____ DIST/MD POSITION: _____ CLUB POSITION: _____

CONTACT: Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make Check Payable to: NELC
Mail Check/Form to: Treasurer Norm Hart, PDG
181 Port Road,
Kennebunk, ME 04043

Email: normhart13@yahoo.com

Event Registration Deadline: May 13th, 2024

Questions or Special Dietary Needs to: PDG Dom Branco, President Cell/Text: 401-714-2819 or: hondbranco@verizon.net

"GAT" Global Action Team, "GMT" Global Membership Team, "GMA" Global Membership Approach & "NAMI" North American Membership Initiative



Lions International

Dear Lion Leader,

Lions and Leos take action to make our communities better. We lead with kindness, make a lasting impact and change lives. As a service leader, you may be asked questions about club service. Some common questions are:

What types of service do clubs provide? Each club chooses how they serve to meet community needs. The types of service are:

- **Service activities**, such as vision screening, tree planting and serving meals
- **Advocacy**, which includes community awareness and education, legislation and public policy
- **Donations to individuals and organizations**, including Lions Clubs International Foundation
- **Fundraising**, when money is collected to enable service
- **Service support activities**, such as meetings, events and administrative tasks that enable service

How do we count the number of people served? Often, measuring service impact is straightforward. For example, if your club hosts a diabetes educational event, just count the number of people who attend. However, counting beneficiaries for activities like caring for our environment can be more challenging. If your club is planning an activity in support of **Earth Day, April 22**, and has questions about counting the people served, you can find answers in the Measuring Service Impact resource available from the [Service Reporting webpage](#).

Thank you for choosing to be a service leader. If you have additional questions, contact us by email at serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org.

Yours in Service,

The Service Activities Division Team



Lions International

Dear Lions and Leos,

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

Phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal**. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.
Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same.
- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.

**If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support.

Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential.

Information and resources

Be sure to visit lionsclubs.org/portal-updates for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together.

[Learn more](#)

Sincerely,

Sue Ben
Chief of Technology
Lions International

Preview the new portal: <https://www.youtube.com/@lionportaltraining>

Be a part of the biggest Lion event of the year at LionsCon in Melbourne 2024!



We Serve



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

Dear Lions,

There is strength in numbers. Throughout my 34 years of service, I've always been grateful for the close teamwork and friendships that I've experienced volunteering alongside my fellow Lions.

Teamwork generates fresh perspectives and inspires others to join the good work we do—work that would not be possible without your dedication to service, which is shared by Leos and Leo-Lions. When we bring young people into our clubs, everyone benefits. We can learn from one another, help even more people together and strengthen the future of our service.

So collaborate with your Leos, or start a new Leo club. Encourage young people in your circle to become Leos and Lions, so we can grow our clubs and grow together through our service.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President



Serve Together, Learn Together, Grow Together

When Lions and Leos work as a team, we learn new skills, make new and meaningful connections, and strengthen our clubs as well as our service. Leos are the next generation of Lions, so we need to work closely with them to build a foundation for the future of service. But they are also incredible, capable volunteers who are ready to make a difference today.

So find out how you can [team with Leos!](#)

Help Save the Planet Through Service



Earth Day (April 22) is just around the corner! Looking for a great way to make a difference in your community? Then check out our [environment page](#) with great project ideas, stories, LCIF grant opportunities and more.

Remember to invite potential members to join your project because connecting through service is a win for our environment and your club's growth. And be sure to check out [Saving Our Planet and Growing Our Membership](#) for great ways to grow and create a more sustainable planet.



We're Growing, Together

MISSION 1.5 is our drive to reach 1.5 million members by 2027, and it's working, thanks to you. [Watch a video message](#) from your Steering Committee to see just how impressive our progress has been.

Delaware Lions Launch Live Video Program



Lions in Delaware reached out to local young people to find out what matters to them the most. The Lions learned that the group wanted to address community issues through videos.

So the club launched a video production program for kids that focuses on social issues such as bullying and drug abuse. Not only does the video program teach the kids how to produce, film, direct and host a live show, it also empowers them to be creative while making an impact.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about this inspiring program, and see what these young people have created.



We Serve

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			<input type="text" value="5"/>

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 Fillet 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



**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.



**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 Party

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
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 10-12, 2024	D44N Spring Convention	Shelburne, NH
May 15, 2024	International Day of the Family	
May 17-18, 2024	NELC Spring Weekend	Bennington ELKS Lodge, Bennington, Vermont
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
September 5-7, 2024	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville, KY

