

From the desk of the DG

May 2024

Welcome spring!!!! Well at least for part of the week,lol. I hope all is well with all our fellow Lions. We are beginning to wind down our Lions year, we have done amazing things and continue to do great things. I can't begin to say how proud I am of all the hard work and dedication you all have shown this year.

We will continue to work on our goals, our membership goal is on track to be the best in years, great job!! We are doing our part for Mission 1.5!! I am working on the grant with IPDG Kathy for the handicap swings, there is still time, if your club is interested. Got some interest in two areas for new clubs, we will continue to work those areas to get new clubs started.

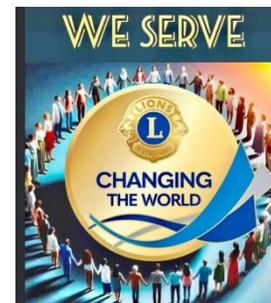
Spring convention is fast approaching, I need to give a huge Thank You to all the people that have helped me put this together. My convention team, Tanya Letourneau, Loreen Teer, Carol Greene, Penny Charbonneau, Patty Greene-Pawelcyk, Ed Hutchins, Steven, Warren, and all the actors for our first murder mystery. I hope to see many of you at the convention.

I'm still available to visit clubs and work on your service projects with you, please reach out and let me know what i can do!!

Enjoy a great spring and I will see you out on the Lions trail!!!!

Let's ROAR

DG Travis





First Vice District Governor Notes

May, 2024

As Spring Convention approaches, I find myself thinking more and more about what my year as District Governor will look like. My plan is to enjoy visiting the many clubs in the district. That goes without saying, but I am especially looking forward to enjoying time with Lions and communities all over Vermont and attending events that Vermont Lions are so good at organizing and participating in.

This brings me to what I hope to accomplish during my year as DG. My heart, as many of my Lion family knows is that I am all about family. I have been a Lion for almost 30 years and through all that time, I have watched district governors concentrate on a whole host of projects and themes and all of them being instrumental in making District 45 what it is today. My hope is to make District 45 more appealing to families. I want to engage more families with the many programs that we have for children of every age, thus making parents more aware of what we as an organization have to offer. We are much more than the food drives and tree sales. These are all necessary and great service and fundraising activities, but we need to show we are also not just a bunch (I might add mistakenly thought of as) old fuddy duddies who are stuck doing the same projects that their parents participated in in years past.

We need to engage more young Vermonters who are realizing that to give back to their community is a way to give forward to their and their children's future, AND THAT IT CAN BE FUN! Let's establish more of those Leo clubs. Let's begin to build Cub clubs to support the healthy idea of doing for others in our youngest Vermonters. And with the revamped Lion's Quest program, let's show parents that Lions Clubs International is, today, a whole-family organization. They need to be made aware that Lions Clubs are a family friendly, worthwhile endeavor.

Yes, it sounds like a beautiful, if not lofty dream. You may be thinking. "Lion Deb, get real! This sounds great, but maybe a bit unrealistic. You're reaching too high." Well, I look at things this way. I realize I can only do just so much in a year's time, but if I can at least put the idea out there, make enough noise and get the attention of the communities we live in, I may just have started a snowball rolling that will, over time, become an avalanche of family-oriented community service that is what we are, as Lions, all trying to achieve.

I am an informal writer because that is who I am. I'm not a business person. I run playgroups and teach young adults how to be better parents and support them by giving them skills they will need to raise their children. I coordinate literacy programs. I am a mother, a grandmother and a wife who just wants to give back to an organization that has given me so much in return. I look forward to serving you this coming year. Please use my email, tallships53@gmail.com if you have questions, concerns or just need support. I will do my best to respond within a day. Hope to see you soon.

Yours in kindness and gratitude,

First Vice District Governor Deb Savery



Arlington Lions Club

On Sunday the new Arlington Leo Club made 200 PB&J sandwiches for the Arlington Food Shelf, and the Kitchen Cupboard and Harvest House Soup Kitchen in Bennington! After they enjoyed ice cream and started planning their next project. If you are a teen and want to be part of this great group, please join our next meeting, Sunday, April 28th 4:00 pm at the Community House. For more information, email Lion Susan at askalion@arlingtonlions.com.



Arlington and Heartland Lions are collecting Eclipse Glasses.



After the eclipse, you can place your glasses in an envelope and mail to the address listed so that school children in Latin America can use them October 2, to watch the South American Eclipse.

Eclipse Glasses USA, LLC
PO Box 50571
Provo, UT 84605

OR

You can bring them to the Spring Convention to be added to the next shipment.

Vermont Asian – American Club Branch



Vermont Asian – American Club Branch & Barre Lions

The Coin Drop, Barre Lion's Club, and Vermont Asian-American Club Branch came together on April 13th, 2024, in a strategic alliance aimed at achieving their common goals and objectives.

' We Serve "

**Vermont Asian-American Club Branch
Induction of New Members
April 2nd ,2024**

The Barre Lions Club and the Vermont Asian-American Club Branch recently inducted new members. Past District Governor, Tommy Walz, led the ceremony. Pictured are Tommy Walz, PDG, Kristal Cota and her sponsor Tim Cota, Daniel Thomasson and his sponsor Bernadette Ibey, Nicole Poulin and her sponsor Mark Tatro, and Preya Holland and her sponsor Jane Claire Mokasim.

Essex Junction Lions Club

Recognizes Lions of the Year

Lion Jesse Wood



Lion Jesse joined our club now just over a year ago, since day 1 The have wanted to get involved as much as possible, from the treasurer role to the newsletter they have helped us navigate the club into more modern means of communication and made the transfer of information in the club much more streamlined the newsletter they have helped us navigate the club into more modern means of communication and made the transfer of information in the club much more streamlined

Lion Fern Henson



Lion Fern has a full calendar year of service in the community between Heavenly Pantry (local food shelf) and other service organizations. Also, all of your club support during our transition to our new location for dinner meetings and became the person for planning our dinner meetings going forward.

Castleton Lions

Thank you to EVERYONE who attended, worked the event, made a donation or shared our FB ad for our 2024 Basket Raffle, which truly made it a SUCCESS 🍷🥰

A promotional poster for a "Basket Raffle" by the Castleton Lions Club. The poster features a large blue scribble that says "SOLD". Text on the poster includes: "Castleton Lions Club", "Basket Raffle", "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", and "Lunch and baked goods will be for sale during the basket raffle!". There are small images of a basket of goods, a hand holding money, a Pepsi can, and a hot dog.



Granville Lions Club Patio Furniture Sale



Fridays and Saturdays from May
3 until Labor Day Weekend

*Our warehouses are filled with a brand-new
selection of the finest Telescope Casual Furniture,
deeply discounted off retail price*

OPEN:

Fridays 5-8 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Located behind the Post Office on Main Street in
Granville, N.Y.

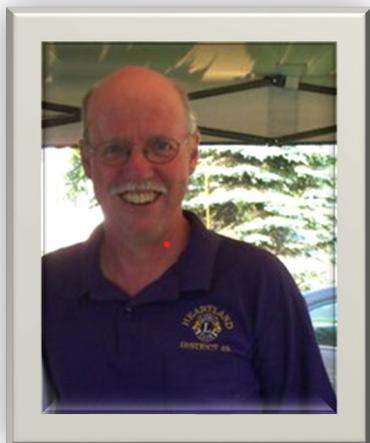
***LIONS – Bring your membership card
and receive a 10% discount off your
purchase!***

District 45 – International Director Candidate – Update

As you all are aware we are fortunate to be able to put a candidate forward as an International Director. Currently we have three candidates that have put their name forward. Past District Governor Walter Hastings of the Heartland Club, Past District Governor Carol Greene of the Heartland Club, and Immediate Past District Governor Kathy Dorman of the Vergennes Club. The candidacy is open for others who meet the qualifications to join so if there are any more interested in doing so, please reach out to Past International Director Tom Broughton as soon as possible, the suggested deadline is no later than the beginning of August.

PDG Walter Hastings, Heartland Lions Club

PDG Carol Greene, Heartland Lions Club



Springfield Lions Club News



IPDG Kathy Dorman and Lion Jim visited Springfield Lions in April. IPDG Kathy announced her candidacy for International Director. She also led an excellent presentation and discussion of the Lions Quest Program.

Springfield Lions Club News



Springfield Lions collected 400 pounds of food and \$454 for Food from the Heart and donated it to the Springfield Family Center Food Shelf.



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

Typically we do not meet at Convention, however I would like to plan to get together briefly to meet with the board that is available. Lion Patricia's schedule is really challenging to meet, even on zoom, so this is the best opportunity to discuss the Green Mountain Camp funds with her and the board. At this time I am planning early Saturday morning as we all know we have a very busy day and weekend and believe that time will work the best. I will update Friday night once I have a better idea of the time. Directors that are not available I will plan a group email, that will be allow input and discussion.

Yours in Lionism
PDG Merry Souza
VLC President

IN MEMORY of LION LYLE



Lion Lyle Remick Sr. served as Director and Vice President of Vermont Lions Charities. He was instrumental with the memorial envelopes as well as supporting Vermont Lions Charities in many other ways.

On behalf of the VLC board past and present, thank you Lion Lyle for your talents and years of dedication

PDG Merry Souza

For those clubs that have not entered their club officers for 2024/2025 yet, here is a good cheat sheet for the new Lion portal.

We know there will be some challenges using the new system. It is important that new officers and meeting locations get entered into the system ASAP, as this information is used for the D45 Directory.

HOW TO FILE YOUR PU101 ON LIONS WEBSITE

EXISTING USERS ONLY



WHO CAN FILE WMMR NOW
CLUB PRESIDENT
CLUB SECRETARY
CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

WEBSITE LINK
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>

1 SELECT MEMBER LOGIN

2 RE-REGISTER
SELECT GET STARTED
ENTER NEW PASSWORD
LIONS INTERNATIONAL WILL USE EMAIL ID AS USERNAME

3 SELECT MY CLUB

4 SELECT MANAGE CLUB OFFICERS

5 SELECT CREATE NEW ASSIGNMENT

5 SELECT UPCOMING LION YEAR

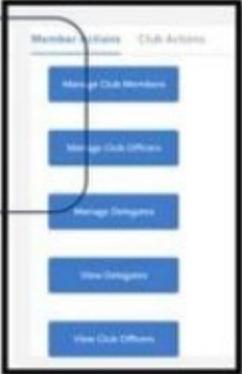
5 SELECT UPCOMING LION YEAR

5 SELECT OFFICER FOR PST VP TITLE TYPE OFFICIAL
CLICK NEXT

5 CHOOSE OFFICER TITLE NAME FOR THAT POST
CLICK NEXT
SELECT NO THEN NEXT

FOLLOW SAME PROCESS FOR OTHERS BY ACCEPTING THE OPTION TO CREATE ONE MORE OFFICER

FOR CLUB ADMINISTRATOR USE THE ADMINISTRATOR OPTION



Member Actions Club Actions

- Manage Club Members
- Manage Club Officers**
- Manage Delegates
- View Delegates
- View Club Officers

Lion Raghavan Vedarathan, MIF
District 5231 A2



Vision Screening Report May 2024

In the past, April/May were very quiet months for vision screening. The majority of screenings were requested and completed by the end of December, occasionally being rescheduled for some time in January at the latest. Since Covid, however, this is no longer the definitive end of the screening season. Though there are still those schools who prefer to get this part of their testing completed as soon as possible in the early part of the school year, some are happy to schedule later in the year relieving some of the stress Lions feel about whether they have a camera or members available to operate them.

With the blessing of Vermont Lions Charities, we have been able to address the issue of limited cameras with the purchase of 11 new cameras! Late last summer we began the process of purchasing 5 Plusoptix cameras. While waiting for the arrival of the new cameras and the training to begin, it was determined that the purchase of 6 more cameras were warranted. So, the first 5 new cameras have been distributed with the second 6 on their way. Once they are all assigned there will be 16 cameras statewide, 5 SPOTs and 11 Plusoptix! Zoom training will finally be scheduled for this summer allowing plenty of time to get acquainted with the newer machines and everyone will feel comfortable with their operation. These trainings will be on going to ensure that everyone is able to find a training time that will fit their schedule. Screeners can attend as many training courses as they feel necessary, which will also allow new members the opportunity to get the training they will need to join the ranks. Just about every club who now screens will have a camera to host, relieving the situations we've had recently with cameras that weren't working or no spares for that last-minute request we seem to get more often than not. With the most recent purchase, we will even be able to hold a new camera aside for the option should one of the old SPOTs stop working. In any event, we are in a good place camera-wise.

The Plusoptix cameras will also add the option to clubs to do acuity testing as these cameras have that capability. It will be up to each club to determine if they wish to offer that added piece of vision screening to their schools. It does take more time, but it may be the piece of vision screening that will enable a club to get into a school where the club was refused entrance previously.

Along with learning how to operate these new cameras, the training will also include a couple of other new additions to the Lions' screening protocol. Lions will be taught how to determine if a child is right or left eye dominate. This is a 1-minute procedure that can determine the student's eye dominance. That, in itself, is not an issue, but when it is determined that a child does not have a dominate eye, a host of issues could present itself down the road. A child with no dominant eye is oftentimes found to be dyslexic and does not know it. This whole topic will be further explained during the new camera training. It's exciting to think that with just a few more moments during a basic screening, we can find other issues that until recently we were not able to help find and possibly bring to light fixable issues that could, in the end, make a child's educational experience successful.

For the 2023-2024 school year we have screened **19964** students with **2191** referrals. This is the best record since before Covid! Bravo, Lions!!!!

Last, but not least I would like to announce, if you haven't heard already, that PCST Bruce will be taking over the Vision Screening program for the upcoming year. I will continue to do the Communique report and will be working closely with Lion Bruce, but all screening reports should for the 2024-2025 school year go to him via his email address: bsavery29@gmail.com. He has been working hard this spring ordering the new cameras, arranging the proper insurance, and making plans for the training that will be set up as soon as all cameras are finally distributed. Thank you, Lion Bruce, for taking on this project. If you have questions or concerns, please, also do not hesitate to contact Lion Bruce.

Thank you all for the dedication and commitment shown to the children of Vermont this past year. I hope to see you at the Spring Convention, May 3-5.

Yours in Kindness and Gratitude, *FVDC Deb*

TALES OF THE POST-SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

April 2024

As I write this month's column, I am amazed by the solid stream of traffic slowly proceeding south on Madison Avenue, aka US Route 201. It seems that this glorious weather day and a total eclipse here brought many of you to the lands north of town! But while experiencing the eclipse, I began to think of our humanity and that led to musing about our service to each of our communities.

Last month I talked to you all about your ability to serve around the world, and in your backyard by using Advocacy as a tool to make wide so read solutions a reality. Your ability to tie a solution to one community issue can also aid in a solution to an almost unrelated second issue with planning and your advocating for the combined goals.

As part of this advocacy, please take a closer look at our motto, **WE SERVE**. Service is a form of charity in its purest form, not just letting one raise money and letting someone else do the work with that money. Our personal assistance is at the core of our service.

Charity is defined in Webster's dictionary in a variety of ways:

- Generosity and helpfulness towards those in need or suffering
- An institution engaged in relief for those in need
- Public provision of relief
- Benevolence and goodwill to humanity
- A gift for the public goodwill
- Lenient judgment of others, especially those We Serve

Examples of our service and charity are all around each of us. From our actions at the collapse of the World Trade Center where we were the first relief group to be on the site and then followed that with compassionate healing of families at Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine. And how about that look of amazement and gratitude on the face of that family when you delivered that last box of holiday food and clothing. Perhaps that last project can be combined this year with a project to help that family develop a way out of the circumstances which needed our charity.

Our charity is the universal characteristic of our SERVICE! Please expand our service in many little, and large, ways. We are here to offer any thoughts, answers and help. All PIDs and many other Lions are your resources as well. ASK!

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

Serving a World in Need





THE ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

Presents the

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY MAY 27, 2024

Calling All Scouts, Sports Teams, Youth
Organizations, Bands and Schools!

PARADE THEME:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE"

DECORATING CONTEST
PRIZES: 1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE

Vehicle, Float, Golf Cart

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



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askalion@arlingtonlions.com

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Parade

Deadline to register is:

May 13, 2024



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/benvthx-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: liondbranco@verizon.net

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

Still time to register for NELC event in Bennington, VT

Lions Twin State Soccer
July 20, 2024
Hanover High School - Hanover, NH

As you know, Lions Cup is a fundraiser for the Vermont and New Hampshire Lions Clubs and provides funding for various projects in both states. The program book is one of the major sources of income for us. If you or your club is interested in taking out an ad or sponsorship, we would really appreciate it.

Please talk it over with your club members. An information packet was available to all club presidents, which included game tickets and calendar raffle tickets. Please be sure these are returned by June 1.

Thank you, LTSSA President, PDG Carol Greene

LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER



LIONS SOCCER CUP

Program Ad & Sponsor Form



If you would like to take out an ad for the program book or sponsor a player please fill out this form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Please attach copy of Ad _____ Use Last Years AD _____

Full Page Ad \$150.00 Half Page Ad \$100.00 Quarter Page Ad \$70.00

Player Sponsorship

Strikers \$200 Defenders \$100 Hat Trick \$70 Saves \$50 Assists \$35

Amount Due _____ Check Cash \$ _____

LIONS TWIN STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC
PO Box 1013, Londonderry, NH 03053

Signature _____

Mailing Address _____

*****THANK YOU*****

Lions Twin State Soccer Association, Inc is a 501c3 Non Profit....
Ein # on request

Still time to register

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



District 44N Spring Convention
Town & Country Inn and Resort
28 US-2 #1033
Shelburne NH 03681
May 10 – 12, 2024



Special Guest: International Director Honorable Anthony Paradise

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 penne pasta, 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



JUDGE ANTHONY W. PARADISO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Judge Anthony W. Paradise 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 Paradise 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 scholarship 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 Paradise is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is an executive director and past president of the Columbia 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 Paradise 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 Pantry





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

Dear Lion,

When you became a Lion, you also became a leader. Lions and Leos lead their communities in service and bring people together to achieve greater outcomes than we can alone.

Every time you invite a new member, or we charter a new club, more people are helped, and more communities are served. We are making a tremendous impact all over the world thanks to your leadership.

So, let's continue to grow our impact and share your amazing projects on social media to encourage others to join you. Take an online course to enhance your skills and encourage others to do so, as well. Let's continue to be the leaders that our communities and world need us to be.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

All about advocacy

Did you know that Lions and Leos around the world are engaging in advocacy just by serving their communities? At Lions Clubs International, advocacy is simple: Lions clubs raise awareness of the causes they care about, educate their community members on important issues and create positive change. There are three areas of focus that help us identify types of service activities that qualify as advocacy. Want to get involved? Our list of project ideas can help get you started! You'll also learn about Lions International's relationship with the United Nations.

 <h3>Awareness</h3> <p>Lions raise awareness of the needs their clubs serve. They increase their service impact by getting others involved.</p>	 <h3>Education</h3> <p>Once a need is identified, Lions learn from experts and educate their communities on these important issues, such as how to improve their health and protect the environment.</p>	 <h3>Change</h3> <p>Lions are equipped with resources and tools to guide them to advocate for changes in legislation, policy and public opinion. They then develop relationships with government and community leaders and establish themselves as experts in serving their community and partnering to bring about positive change.</p>
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Lions International's relationship with the United Nations

Lions International's relationship with the United Nations (UN) began in 1945, when the organization assisted in drafting the nongovernmental organization section of the UN Charter. Today, Lions' service supports the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Appointed Lions Representatives to the United Nations build relationships with UN agencies and collaborate to find solutions to global challenges. This work is celebrated and enhanced every year during Lions Day with the United Nations events.



Celebrate Worldwide Induction Day

Clubs all around the world are welcoming new members, so they can have an even bigger impact in their communities. Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) on April 27 is the perfect time to welcome new members and celebrate newly chartered clubs.



Let's share our success together on social media using [#worldwideinductionday](#) and extend a warm welcome as well as a big thank you to all our new Lions and Leos!

Check out the [WWID video](#) to help new Lions take a special oath when they join our wonderful service organization, and download our [social media resources](#) to help celebrate your new members.



Advocate for your club and community

Lions listen to the needs of our communities, educate others on important issues and create positive change through service. We can change the world and help our communities when we advocate together. Want to get involved?

How to get involved 25 projects to kick-start your service



Awareness

- Host a community STRIDES event
- Host a teddy bear drive for a local children's hospital
- Organize a community tree planting event
- Hold a vision screening for your community
- Organize a can food drive
- Buy radio ad space to raise awareness on an issue
- Sponsor a World Sight Day event
- Hold a diabetic retinopathy screening event



Education

- Partner with a diabetes educator in your community to host diabetes screenings
- Host cooking lessons to teach healthy recipes for diabetics
- Invite an eye professional or a person who is blind or has low vision to educate Lions and Leos on common eye diseases and technology aides
- Create flyers detailing where you can recycle toxic materials
- Host community viewings of environmental documentaries
- Tour a recycling and waste management facility with your club
- Develop a Green Living Tip Sheet for your community
- Access the "Lions Eye Health Program" to educate yourself and your club about blindness prevention



Change

- Organize a state Hill Day
- Invite a legislator to your club meeting
- Schedule an in-district meeting
- Write an email in opposition/support of a bill
- Call your elected official in opposition/support of a bill
- Attend Lions Day with the UN
- Invite a legislator to a service event
- Attend an Advocacy 101 training
- Host a debate and share the results with your elected officials

Don't forget to report your service!

The above ideas are only some of the many ways your club can get involved in advocacy! Be sure to report your service in MyLion to share how your club is serving.

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
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

