





June 2024

From the Desk Of The DG

Well as I write my last official address as District Governor in the June Communique, I would first like to say, what an honor it has been to be your DG this past year, we have accomplished a lot together! I am beyond words, as I try to put something on paper. We have endured a natural disaster, and kicked mother nature butt. And got Vermonters on the road to recovery hours after the storm had hit. We have had many fun times, as well along the way, I have met many new friends that I will enjoy for the rest of my life. We have grown our membership, with all of your hard work and dedication!! So Thank you all!! We are not slowing down yet, there is still time to add new members and new clubs, so do not take your foot off the gas pedal just yet. Just because one year ends and a new begins, doesn't mean our progress should stop, we are a seamless group.

We had a Great Spring Convention, a Huge Shout out to PDG Carol for her help in a successful convention THANK YOU!!!The murder mystery was a blast. I hope everyone had fun and was able to let their hair done and have some fun, everyone deserved it!!

I am looking forward to working closely with DGE Deb and her team as they begin their year, and let's get excited to take this District to new levels under her reign!! Good LUCK DGE DEB WE have your back!!

Lets ROAR!!

DG Travis







Thoughts from District Governor Elect Deb Savery

As I sit here and write this message to you all, I can't help but marvel (and shudder a little) at what lays before me for the coming year. I am excited to take the trips to visit you all during your club meetings. I look forward to attending events and projects that District 45 members are so famous for putting on. Along with all your activities, I hope to provide the support you need to help District 45 grow and prosper. We are a small district. We are a small state, but we are a giant when it comes to dedication, commitment and ingenuity.

Our clubs have proven time and again that when we need something new and fresh, Vermont Lions can deliver. Want to grew membership? Put up a dog park. Want to get the community aware that Lions are present? Hold silly, fun events, something out of the ordinary and crazy!

In the coming months I hope to take some of that ingenuity and forge new interest in Vermont Lions. I believe we can take some of the stability and dedication we've established through the years and build on it to create more clubs and membership. I further believe that if we can show to the people in our communities that Vermont Lions Clubs are here for the whole family we will be able to grow our membership substantially in ways that include even the youngest members of the family. Cub Clubs, Leo Clubs, the new revised Lions Quest are all vehicles that can be used to show how there is something for everyone in Lions. Though the Cubs cannot be counted in membership, <u>yet</u>, clubs will be planting the seeds that will sprout and possibly grow into something substantial and productive down the road.

Again, I'm looking forward to my year as district governor and working with the clubs of District 45 as we expand our membership and service to the people of Vermont, and yes, the world.

Yours in kindness and gratitude,

DGE Deb Savery

Tentative (*Limited) Calendar for 2024-2025

June 15 – Leadership Training – Vergennes American Legion

July 13 – Organizational Meeting – Springfield Area Parent/Child Ctr., No. Springfield, VT

August 3 – 1st Forum/Cabinet Mtg – Springfield Area Parent/Child Center

November 9 – Fall Conference/2nd Cabinet Mtg. - Delta at Marriott, So. Burlington, VT

November 9 – Super Raffle – Delta at Marriott, So. Burlington, VT

January 11 – 3rd Forum/Cabinet Mtg – Canadian Club, Barre, VT

March 15 – 4th Forum/Cabinet Mtg – Dummerston Grange Hall, Dummerston, VT

Spring Convention – TBD

^{*}Complete list to be available at Organizational meeting on July 13th, the Communique and the Directory





From International Director Steve Middlemiss

As you read this the Lions year 2023-2024 will be winding down soon. We have made great strides in increasing our membership worldwide under Mission 1.5 but there is still work to be done. As I write this article, we have 1,390,000 members a + 44,800 worldwide for the year and -20 in our Constitutional Area. Retention is a key point in our remaining positive worldwide and towards the US becoming positive for the first time in a number of years. We need to look to our members for their ideas on projects. Ask them what they are passionate about and work to create projects around those passions. Members want to feel involved. One of the leading reasons members leave is they are not engaged. Also reach out to members who you may not have seen in a while. They are our Lions family and just like our own families we need to be sure that we let them know we are thinking of them. We all want to feel valued and by reaching out we can encourage them to become involved again. One phone call could re-engage a member.

As a reminder to the incoming leadership of the district's the position of Global Extension Leader will become a required position this upcoming year. At the convention in Australia one of the items on the ballot and if it passes, we will 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.

Current 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.

LeeAnn and I have been so fortunate to have represented you this past year and are looking forward to the next year as we continue to serve on the International Board. We hope to see you in Melbourne.

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

Yours in Lionism,

ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn

(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)



Club News

Arlington Leos & Lions

Arlington Leos helped move and sort books for Martha's Used Book Sale, and also helped clean up the gardens at St. James on Green Up Day.















Barre Lions

Barre & Filipino-Am Vermont Branch Club Lions at Aubuchon's Hardware cooking.



Colchester Lions Club

They held their 15th Annual Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, May 4, 2024, Colchester HS, Parking Lot.



Heartland Lions

Heartland Lions have been busy during the month of May, they took part in the annual Vermont Green Up Day by overseeing the collection and had a cleanup day at Paine's Beach:



They also cooked hamburgers/hot dogs are the Aubuchon/Ace Hardware store:



PANCAKE BREAK FAST ALL YOU CAN EAT 8 am-11 am June 23RD Royalton Academy Bldg. \$10.00 - Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon Juice, coffee, Milk Put on by Heartland Lions Club To Benefit Local Handicap Swings



Windsor Lions

Saturday, June 1 at 10am
Food from the Heart
Price Chopper Supermarket
22725 Route 5N
Windsor, VT 05089

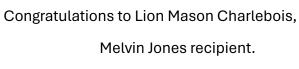


Vergennes Lions

A few pictures from the Memorial Day Parade. Lions & Leos in action.











Essex Junction Lions Club

Join the Essex Lions Club in celebrating the official opening of the Harriet Farnsworth Powell Museum!



Sunday, June 2, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

"Happy 261st Birthday to Us"

Governor Benning Wentworth of the New Hampshire Colony granted charters to 18 Vermont Towns on June 7 & 8, 1763. Ten of them in Chittenden County. Joining the Essex Community Historical Society in a "Happy 261st Birthday to Us" celebration at the Harriet Farnsworth Powell Museum are the Colchester Historical Society and the Williston Historical Society. Stop by and see their exhibits and the ECHS exhibits new for 2024 highlighting organizations who helped shaped the Essex community and honoring, on the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the Essex men who were there. The ECHS 2024 exhibits are co-sponsored by the Essex Junction Lions Club and the Blue Spruce Grange.

Event location: The Harriet Farnsworth Powell Museum, Essex, VT, 3 Browns River Road (corner of Routes 128 and 15)





FVDGE Andrew Perry & Sabrina, receiving Melvin Jones recipient











April 27, 2024

A big thank you to Arlington Lions, Lion John Toth (Arlington Lions) and Lion Andrew Perry (Essex Jct Lions) who made the trip to New Jersey with a U-Haul loaded with approximately 244,000 of eyeglasses collected by District 45. Also, a special thanks to the clubs for their collection of eyeglasses.

All types of used eyeglasses and sunglasses, prescription or non-prescription, for children and adults are accepted. Reading glasses are also useful for those who perform close-up tasks while at work. Sunglasses are needed for people living near the equator, especially those with cataracts.

Hope you enjoy some photos from their trip.

Arlington Lions help pack the U-Haul!











VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

Money Tree Raffle

This raffle was held during the Spring Convention. We had a profit of \$3,188.83 from the Money Tree raffle.

A huge thank you to all who participated.

VLCVP Bruce





The 2023-2024 Essay Winner

"Dare to Dream"

Yetka Yağiz Demírtas 12 years old Türkiye

Sponsored by the Istanbul Altinepe Lions Club



2023-2024 Lions International Peace Essay Grand Prize Winner Yetka Yağiz Demírtas, Age 12 "Drawers of My Mind"

Today I gathered all my courage for a long journey: And opened the drawers of my mind.

I started from the top drawer because the most used things are always at the top. I saw everyday topics there: What to do, study, eat, to brush teeth and many similar things. But these are not the main goals of my discovery. So, I gently closed the first drawer.

It was the second drawer's turn. I said, "let's find it this time". There resided slightly different things. What I keep as memories and symbolic items that left a mark on me. A key that my parents gave me to open the door. However, I never come home alone. Then I realized that it was actually meant to tell me that this is my home and that I am a part of this home. Then I saw the notebook my father gave me on my ninth birthday. On the first page he noted:

"My son, my pride, my dear ... I believe that you will take notes on many pages, like the ones on this notebook, and become a very important scientist. Wish you good luck, I love you. Your father".

As today's twelve years old Yekta Yağiz, I understand that my father gave me a very valuable gift; his trust.

With this understanding, I moved to the third drawer of my mind. This time I opened it with more excitement. And soon realized that it was pitch black. But black doesn't always mean darkness. I looked deeply at the very center of that blackness. I remembered how everyone is constantly telling me that "I can't do it, be careful, it's difficult". Then a glimmer of hope shining in my eyes said ... "Don't be afraid, Yekta! Dare to dream!"

I dared to see through my heart among the "actually blind" who closed their eyes to hope and imagination. I raised my head up to the sky and dreamed. As they said, I couldn't see colors, but I added a thousand colors to the rainbow in my imagination. White is not always bright, and black is not always scary. These are all misconceptions piled up in the drawers of our minds.

I didn't have a fourth drawer. We can't always find a new drawer to start over. But I can fill the empty black drawer with dreams. That's what I'm doing now. What I have done so far and my self-confidence proved that I am on the right track.

As my father's wish, I am on my way to become a scientist. This might be considered a dream for a visually impaired person. But I have the courage to make it happen.

I am a good swimmer and a good runner today. Only because I dreamed that I would succeed. Now it's time to continue to "dare to dream", without letting anyone stop me. My journey is full of hope. And it is ETERNAL.

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
June 1, 2024	Helen Keller Day	
June 3-4, 2024	MISSION 1.5 Worldwide	
	Reporting Day	
June 5, 2024	World Environmental Day	
June 7, 2024	Lions Clubs International Birthday	
June 15, 2024	Club Officer Training	American Legion, Vergennes, VT
June 21-25, 2024	106 th Lions Club International Convention	Melbourne, Australia
June 23, 2024	Heartland Lions Pancake Breakfast	Royalton Academy, Royalton, VT
July 13, 2024	Organizational Meeting	Springfield Area Parent/Child Ctr N Springfield, VT
July 20, 2024	Lions Twin-State Soccer	Hanover HS, Hanover, NH
August 3, 2024	Summer Forum/Cabinet Meeting	Springfield Area Parent/Child Ctr N Springfield, VT
August 13-16, 2024	Northeast Pin Swap	Comfort Inn, Rutland, VT
September 5-7, 2024	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville, KY
	USA/Canada Forum NELC Breakfast	Louisville, KY
October 11-12, 2-24	NELC Weekend	TBD, Maine
November 9, 2024	Fall Forum/Cabinet Meeting	Delta at Marriott, S Burlington, VT
November 9, 2024	LCIF Super Raffle	Delta at Marriott, S Burlington, VT
January 3-4, 2025	NELC Weekend	TBD, Connecticut
January 11, 2025	Winter Forum/Cabinet Meeting	Canadian Club, Barre, VT
March 15, 2025	Spring Forum/Cabinet Meeting	Dummerston Grange Hall, Dummerston, VT
May 16-17, 2025	NELC Weekend	TBD, Massachusetts







Leaderships Training Information and Sign-up Sheet

Where: Vergennes American Legion

100 Armory Ln, Vergennes, VT 05491

When: June 15, 2024

Fee: \$10.00

<u>Registration: 8:30 – 9:30</u>

9:30 - 10:30

President's Class

Secretary's Class

Treasurer's Class

Zone Chair Class

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 11:30 Lion's Quest Informational - IPDG Kathy

11:30 - 12:30

President's Class

Secretary's Class

Treasurer's Class

LCIF Informational - DG Travis/PDG Pam

Name:	Club:
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Attendees may attend multiple classes.

Pease return form or email information to DGE Deb by June 8th tallships53@gmail.com

NORTHEAST PIN SWAP 2024

AUGUST 13-16,2024

COMFORT INN RUTLAND, VT 05701

REGISTRATION FEE OF \$55.00 INCLUDES ONE TRADING TABLE FOR WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, ONE SWAP PIN.NAME BADGE, BIDDING NUMBER FOR THE LIVE AUCTION, AND FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST.A SPECIAL BREAKFAST PIN WILL BE FOR SALE TO BREAKFAST ATTENDEES.

NAME:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
GUST:	PHONE:		
EMAIL:			
REGISTRATION:	<u>@\$55.00</u> = \$		
EXTRA TABLES:	@ \$15.00		
EXTRA BREAKFAST:	@ \$25.00		
	TOTAL\$		

ROOM REGISTRATION IS \$124.00 PLUS TAX PER NIGHT. RESERVATION DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL BY PHONE-802-775-2200, BE SURE TO MENTION NORTHEAST PIN SWAP. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BRUCE SAVERY SEND TO 137 MAPLE RIDGE ROAD CHESTER, VT 05143. CONTACT INFO bsavery29@gmail.com 1-802-289-1696.

Useful Calendar Dates



for Lions



05 February - International Childhood Day

15 February - International Cancer Day

03 March - World Wildlife Day

08 March - International Women's Day

20 March - Lions Day at the United Nations

APRIL - ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL - WORLD LEOS CLUBS MONTH

22 April - Earth Day

24 April - Lions Worldwide Induction day

15 May - International Day of the Family

28 May - World Hunger Day

01 June - Helen Keller Day

05 June - World Environmental Day

07 June - Lions Clubs International Birthday

30 July - International Day of Friendship

12 August - International Youth Day

SEPTEMBER - HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

21 September - International Day of Peace

OCTOBER - VISION AWARENESS MONTH

04 October - World Animal Day

08 October - Lions World Service Day

13 November - World Kindness Day

14 November - World Diabetes Day





New England Lions Council

Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England



2024/2025 NELC WEEKENDS, OTHER DATES & CONTACTS

The following represent the NELC Weekend (& other) Dates for Lion Year 2024-2025. These weekends and events represent a high level of sharing, learning and fellowship harking back to the foundations of Lionism within New England. We request that all Lion leaders become active in, and support, NELC.

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

WEEKENDS:	DATES	HOST
 Fall Weekend 	October 11-12, 2024	Maine
 Winter Weekend 	January 3-4, 2025	Connecticut
 Spring Weekend 	May 16-17, 2025	Massachusetts

OTHER EVENT(s):

USA/Canada Lions Forum - Sept. 5-7, 2024 - Louisville, Kentucky - NELC Breakfast

2024-2025 NELC Board of Directors

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President: PDG Al Goldstein (NH) 35 Main Street, Atkinson, NH 03811	603-913-1281 algoldstein@comcast.net
Immediate Past President: PDG Domingos Branco (RI) 6 Westgate Road, Cumberland, RI 02864	401-714-2819 liondbranco@verizon.net
Vice President: PDG John Babb (MA) 457 Fairway Drive, Somerset, MA 02726	508-455-7294 babbjd@comcast.net
Secretary: PDG Norm Hart (ME) 74 Main St., Canaan, ME 04924	207-431-0235 normhart13@yahoo.com
Treasurer: PDG Kathleen Dorman (VT) PO Box 91, New Haven, VT 05472	802-373-4180 vtlionkathy@gmail.com
<u>Director</u> : PDG Melissa Smith (CT) 26 George Street, Seymour, CT 06483	203-430-9356 <u>lionlissa@yahoo.com</u>

International Director --- District 45 is eligible to have someone represent

New England as an International Director. To date, we have 3 candidates.

This candidate will be endorsed by the District in November 2024. Candidates must be Past District Governors, should you have any questions, please reach out to them directly.

The Vergennes Lions Club proudly presents

Lion Kathleen Dorman

Candidate for Nomination

International Director



Dedicated to Membership Leadership & Service

D45 District Governor 2022-2023
Melvin Jones Fellow
International Presidential Medal
New England Lions Council - Executive Board
Vermont Lions Charities - Alternate Director
District Leo Chairperson
District Lions Quest Chairperson
Lions University - Bachelors & Masters

Lion Kathy Dorman

I love being a Lion! I became a Lion to further my service and meet other likeminded people. Being a Lion is a way of life, it is who I am on the inside. I would be honored to serve at the International level and contribute to the growth of Lionism worldwide.

District Accomplishments

District Governor Team Excellence Award
Chartered Champlain Valley Lions Club
Two New LEO Clubs since 2022
Shared Vison Award - Vermont Lions Charities
Committees Served - LCIF Super Raffle, Green
Mountain Lions Camp, Speak Out Contest
Global Action Team - Guiding Lion - Zone Chair

Club Accomplishments

Vergennes Lion since 2010 Lion of the Year 2019 Club President 2019-2020 Membership Chair 2021-2022 Club Treasurer 2011-2014, 2021-2022

Personal

- Finance Director at Addison Housing Works, non-profit developer and manager of Affordable Housing
- Board Member & Finance Committee- Counseling Service of Addison County
- Church Activities Parish Council, Finance Committee and Building Committee

Children - Christina, Alaina and Nathaniel Partner - Lion Jim McClay

PO Box 91, New Haven, Vermont 05472 vtlionkathy@gmail.com (802) 373-4180

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

PDG Walter Hastings

Heartland Lions Club





PDG Walter is a dedicated Lion of 21 years. He enjoys serving locally as a member of the Heartland Lions Club and District 45.

He has knowledge of our Lions Organization both at the club and district level. He is committed to Lionism.

PDG Walter has served his club as:

- -Club President
- -First Vice President
- -Second Vice President
- -Club Assistant Treasurer
- -Club Membership
- -Club LCIF Coordinator
- -Branch Club Liaison
- -Tunbridge Fair Coordinator
- -Scholarship Committee
- -Zone Chair
- -Vision Screening
- -First Vice District Governor

PDG Walter has served his and district as:

- -District Governor
- -First Vice District Governor
- -Global Membership Team
- -Honorary Chair
- -Zone Chair Coordinator
- -Member of New England Lions Council
- -Disaster Chair
- -Key Membership Sponsor

Throughout his professional and Lions career PDG Walter has been a leader and team building, often selected as the 'go to' person in difficult situations.

PDG Walter has received many recognitions including International President's Medals, International President's Leadership Award and help his club earn the Excellence Award; as well was instrumental in forming a branch club. He is also a recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

PDG Walter has the expertise, skill, and knowledge of Lions to undertake this important role of International Director. He is committed to furthering the development of Lions in a changing world, seeking approaches for growth, <u>for</u> both now and in the future.

Goals:

- -Promote grown of Lions
- -Meet the needs of our communities
- -To serve as the spokesperson by raising issues of concern for members.

Combine all these attributes, I believe that I have the experience, drive, and devotion to be considered a worthy endorsed candidate for International Direct.

In Lionism, PDG Walter

Email: vtlionwalter@gmail.com Phone: 802.356.5203

As a candidate for International Director, I am seeking your support.

About Us:

Here in Vermont, we are the Lions. For over 100 years Lions have served with kindness, putting the needs of our neighbors, communities, and our world first.

It is through our Lion and Leo members and the support of our association and global foundation that make this possible, we are serving a world in need together.

Our association is made up of 1.4 million members, who bring hands and hearts together to serve nearly every country on earth.

We serve locally in many ways. We have programs and service resources to support our eight global causes.

















Work in Lions:

Heartland Lions:

Club Tail-Twister
Club Secretary
Club Scholarship Coordinator
Club Service Chair
President/EVPresident/2VPresident
Tunbridge Fair Coordinator
Royalton Old Home Days Coordinator
VT Green Up Day Coordinator

District 45:

Served as Sargent at Arms: 2009
Cabinet Secretary: 2016-17; 2017-18
Recording Secretary: 2018-19
Global Service Team: 2017-18
Communique Newsletter Editor
Committee for VLC Walk-a-thon
Administrator of D45 Facebook Page
Certified Guiding Lion

Lions Twin-State Soccer:

Director:

Vice President: 2022-2023 President: 2023-2024

Attended 4 International Conventions (including Montreal/Virtual)
Attended 5 USA/Canada Forums
Graduate from Lions University:

Bachelors: 2019 Masters: 2021 Doctorate: in progress Lember New England Lio

Member New England Lions Council: 2016 to present District Convention Chair: 2017-18

District Honorary Chair: 2022-23 First Vice District Governor: 2020-21

District Governor: 2021-22

Lions are committed to helping individuals and families. Whether it be through a disaster or helping someone in need. Lions are often among the first to respond and the last to leave.

Sight For Kids was co-founded by LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision to provide eye health services in underserved communities around the world. It is through our Vision Screening Program that we continue these efforts.

As an International Director....

I would like to represent the interests and needs of the clubs located in the constitutional areas.

To work with other International Directors on all matters submitted before the LCI Board of Directors. I have been a Lion since September 2007.

Listen, be the voice for the members/Constitutional Areas depending on needs or requests. Be a counselor to encourage the Lions at all levels to be involved.

An opportunity to work on one of the statutory committees and to be creative and able to work as a team.

I look forward to visiting your club over the next few months.

Carol A. Greene PO Box 92 South Royalton, VT 05068 Cell: (802) 291.2750 vtlioncarol@gmail.com

Recognitions:

Melvin Jones: 2017
Leadership Award: 2022
LCI President Doug Alexander
Appreciation Certificate: 2017
LCI President Naresh Aggarwal

Presenter:

District 12L - March 2024

Professional Career:

1976 Graduate South Royalton HS 2003 Graduate Financial Aid Institute 1976 to Present: Employed at Dartmouth College, Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Financial Aid

Personal:

Resides in South Royalton, VT

Community:

South Royalton HS Alumni Association South Royalton Market Board: Recording Clerk Royalton Recreation Committee Royalton Old Home Days Committee United Church of South Royalton: Clerk/Choir/Sunday School Teacher

Girl Scouts of America: Leader and Lifetime Member

Current Member and Treasurer Royalton Town Band Candidate For International Director

Lion Carol Greene





District 45 2024

















Dear Lion Leader,

We are writing to share an important update on our international convention in Atlanta. We have been informed that the City of Atlanta has cancelled its commitment to host the 2026 Lions International Convention due to the schedule for the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup, which will host eight games in the city at the same time.

We are incredibly disappointed that we will be unable to host the Lion event of the year in one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

Due to this unfortunate decision, work has begun to identify a suitable host city for 2026, and the Convention Committee will take up the topic during upcoming meetings in Melbourne, Australia. At this point, there is no plan to reschedule convention in Atlanta, but the committee will look to evaluate the host city for a future event.

The executive officers would like to thank the Atlanta Host Committee for their efforts and the work already in progress.

We are saddened to report this news today. However, we are fully committed to identifying a new host city with the same world-class amenities and character as Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill International President

J. Frank Moore III
Convention Committee Chairperson



2024 Spring Convention Memories



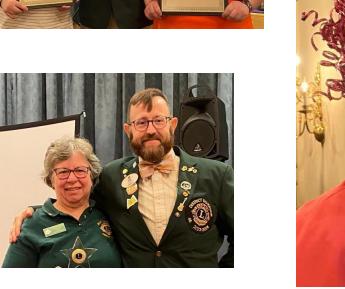












































Murder Mystery Dinner



Guest Speaker ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn Middlemiss





Your DGE Team for 2024-25



SVDGE Andrew Perry, DGE Deb Savery, FVDGE Tanya Letourneau



ID Steve & LeeAnn Middlemiss, Past District Governors and Guest - Melvin Jones Banquet





















Speak Out Contest











Contest Judges – THANK YOU!!!!!



Memorial Service

Celebrating the Lives of our

Departed Lions

