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Notes from the District Governor Debra Savery

Another month is behind us and DG visitations are now in full swing. As I begin to visit clubs and chat and listen to members, I am pleased at the number of events members are planning. Food drives, Halloween events, vision screenings, and yes, even Christmas projects! These are just a few of the service activities and fundraisers that are being planned to serve the communities in which we live.

Membership is one of the big topics of discussion. Many clubs express concern with their declining memberships, but many are also talking about new projects they are considering for spicing up their club activities and helping keep members interested and remaining in Lions. Even the oldest clubs with the most “senior” members can improve their memberships in ways like visiting other clubs! See how other clubs have succeeded in growth and increased visibility in their communities. Ask questions, volunteer to help at one or more of their club’s projects and see how they plan and execute them. There are even 3 traveling Lions prowling around District 45 waiting for those who like to travel to participate in trying to “capture the Lion”. This contest has been a bit sluggish in the past few years, but it is fun, and I’d love to see it return to the days when Lions traveled for comradery and a good time with other Lions. We need to tear down the walls that COVID forced us to build and get back to an association of friendship and mutual support for one another. We are here to serve, yes, but it’s so much more fun when we do it together! If you think you’d like information on the Traveling Lion contest, you may contact PCST Bruce Savery at bsavery29@gmail.com.

As days start to get shorter and cooler, thoughts are beginning to turn to the Fall Conference. All the information about this busy yet fun day is included in this Communiqué, but I want to encourage you all to consider coming to Burlington on November 9. There will be presentations, service activities and district voting that will be scheduled throughout the day. And don’t forget the Super Raffle! This committee has put a lot of time and thought into how to make it more fun and more exciting than ever before. So, please plan to attend and help support LCIF. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and enables us to present Melvin Jones awards to deserving Lions throughout our district.

Please enjoy these cooler days and the beautiful color we are so blessed to have here in District 45. Stay safe.

Respectfully submitted with kindness and gratitude,
District Governor Debra Savery

District 45 Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Hosts-Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
October, 2024		
October 11-12, 2024	NELC Weekend	TBD, Maine
November, 2024		
November 8-9, 2024	Fall Conference & LCIF Super Raffle	Delta Marriott Hotel, Burlington, VT
January, 2025		
January 3-4, 2025	NELC Weekend	TBD, Connecticut
January 11, 2025	2nd Forum & Cabinet Meeting	Canadian Club, Barre, VT
March, 2025		
March 15, 2025	3rd Forum & Cabinet Meeting	Evening Star Grange, Dummerston, VT
May, 2025		
May 2-4, 2025	Spring Convention	Delta Marriott Hotel, Burlington VT
May 16-17, 2025	NELC Weekend	TBD, Massachusetts
July, 2025		
July 4-8, 2025	LCI Convention	Mexico City, Mexico
July 19, 2025	Lions Twin State Soccer Games Celebrating 50 th Season	TBD

A Heartfelt letter from PDG Liz Fenwick

Dear Lions Family,

As you all may know I have settled into a life here in California and joined another Lions Club (Santa Cruz Host Lions). They are planning their 100th anniversary in a few years. I am happily living with my daughter, Becca, in our new home - about 5 minutes from the sea, high enough to get the sea breeze every day. Any gardeners among you would love the great variety of plants and trees that flourish here. No frost - no snow. As well as gardening and walks by the sea, I also joined a group who make and give away quilts to children in care, Hospice groups and some children's summer camps.

All was going well until I had a good check up with a new Dr. at Stanford Medical Center. It was then that I discovered that the tiredness and lack of energy was not all due to the busy life I had planned for myself - I have been diagnosed with MDS (myelodysplastic syndrome). This appears to be a very aggressive bone marrow cancer that is not curable. I have begun palliative chemotherapy and regular blood transfusions.

Now, as you can imagine, I am determined to enjoy all the days I have left to me, and to enjoy them with my son Toby and daughter Rebecca. I have a bucket list and these cannot wait. So in line with my philosophy, "just do it" we have already taken a ride on an old steam train into the Redwood forest and gone on a whale watch in the Bay. In the planning is a boat ride up the inner passage to Alaska, possibly a trip to Hawaii, a visit to my cousin in Mesa AZ, a safari trip at the San Diego Zoo, maybe a trip to London to see Toby graduate from Cambridge and lots of min visits to the State and National Parks in our Sprinter van.

If this sounds as though I am lucky, that is because I feel lucky. I still have my energy and the sun comes up every morning! I am able to do all of this because I know that my time is limited and that is a great gift. I can enjoy being with the people I love, doing the things that we enjoy and tidying up loose ends.

I wish that everyone is as lucky as I am - at the age of 80 and planning adventures to fill my remaining days - with a thankful smile - Days doing things with and for other people has been my life and joy. As a Lion, I am sure that you will understand.

Please do not feel sad for me as I am choosing joy and not sadness.

Thank you for your friendship,

PDG Liz

4300 Soquel Drive #217

Soquel, CA. 95073

A quick addition from her daughter Becca; Thank you to everyone for your friendship and support to Mom over the years, she values it more than I can say. Liz, Toby, and I are all looking forward to the many adventures big and small planned for the next few months. The doctors at Stanford are doing everything they can to keep her comfortable and enjoying life over the next 3-10 months. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at beccafenwick@gmail.com

International News



From International Director Steve Middlemiss

We as Lions are continuing with our efforts of Making our Mark by growing our membership and adding new clubs. I was able to attend along with the District and Multiple District leadership from many states one of the two Mission 1.5 Summits. There were some amazing and encouraging presentations on this topic which the Leaders were then able to utilize as they met in groups to review and adjust their goals regarding membership. Many Districts were able to consider an increase in the number of clubs they would work to develop and an increase in their overall membership goals. This is a great continuation towards meeting the Mission 1.5 goal. Each of us as a member of our clubs and Districts should take it upon ourselves to contribute to this effort in every way we can. To continue to serve our communities and the growing needs within those communities we need to continue to grow to maintain our Legacy of Service.

LeeAnn and I started our second year of traveling in September by going to the USA/Canada Forum in Louisville. What a great turnout with nearly 2,000 Lions in attendance. Of course, there were once again some great inspirational speakers (Hudson Lions one and only Lion Randy Pierce being one) and some fabulous seminars. If you weren't able to attend, we hope you consider next year's forum being held in Atlantic City. Our trips continued with visits to District 24 C Virginia and District 5 SW South Dakota. What amazing Lions in these areas, creating new and interesting ways of serving their community. We continue to look forward to serving the Lions of the World as we all work toward "Making Our Mark".

Yours in Lionism,

ID Steve & Lion LeeAnn

(pccmiddlemiss@gmail.com)

TALES OF THE POST-SERVICE TRAIL UPDATE

September 2024

THREE MONTHS INTO A NEW LIONS YEAR! WooHoo! Have you all started the plans for your club's greatest year ever? Do you have the major projects calendared and chairs assigned with a committee for each project? This includes those necessary fundraising projects! Your push here coming off the probable summer hiatus will set the tone for the new year.

And speaking of the tone for the new Lions year - was not the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, KY, the greatest ever?!? One hundred seminars from Thursday afternoon to Saturday evening fed all of our needs and desires. They gave each of us the tools to plan this year and ideas to improve old projects and develop new projects. There were even sessions that would help you do a re-assessment of your community's needs. There is a strong chance that the needs may have changed since the last time you surveyed your community leaders as well as your club members.

You did not go to Louisville this year? Well look forward to Atlantic City next September! And then there is Memphis in 2026!

I trust that your summer primary fundraisers and major events were successful big events with lots of public awareness.

Of course this busy activity filled the club coffers with the funds needed to serve our communities' needs. We promote our communities because **WE SERVE** by reaching and touching the community with our personal assistance at the core of our service, and will bring even greater recognition of your club's service in your community. Perhaps even a few new members to help with the increased service, and a positive addition to Mission 1.5! Remember, the goal of increased membership is to increase the number of people helped by our service. Working together, we can expand our Service! And remember - **HAVE FUN** the whole time, even when working hard together.

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

Club News

Heartland Lions

Heartland Lions

Heartland Lions have had a busy summer. They had their food booth at Royalton Old Home Days, and took part in the parade, winning first prize for their entry. They also had a membership drive held with Vermont Law & Graduate School Meet & Greet event. And a BIG THANKS to everyone that helped with the summer with their Big 6 Wheel at Tunbridge Fair. They are planning a membership BBQ on Sunday, September 29.



Royalton Old Home Days Parade - Theme was Circus comes to Town. Lion Tamer Lion Mark Howe and Heartland Lion.



Members Lion Pam Greene & 2VP Lion Mark Howe at the Meet & Greet event with Vermont Law & Graduate School hosting information about Lions



Saturday Night Crew at Tunbridge Fair

Barre Lions

Barre Lion, Alban Richey, recently celebrated his 100th birthday at Westview Meadows. Barre Lions Dick Tomasini, Harry Hinrichsen, Linda Mercy, Tommy Walz, Leslie Walz, Rick Theken, and Judy Cookson presented him with a letter celebrating his service as a member of The Barre Lions Club and as a role model for living. In honor of this milestone birthday, the Barre Lions Club is making a \$100 donation to Vermont Lions Charities in his name.



Barre Lion Rick Theken celebrates Barre Lion Alban Richey's 100th birthday. Alban has been a Barre Lion almost 25 years and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. His hat says: Not everyone looks this good at 100. He is amazing.

District News



Fall Conference

Delta Hotels by Marriott Burlington

1117 Williston Road

South Burlington, VT 05403

November 9, 2024

NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

CLUB/DISTRICT TITLE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT #: _____

8:30 to 10:00 – Registration, coffee and pastries

9:00 to 10:00 – VLC meeting

9:00 to 10:00 – Service Project – PDG Carol and FVDG Tanya

10:00 to 10:45 - Break

10:45 to 11:15 --- LCIF - IPDG Travis

11:15 to 11:45 – Leo Clubs – PDG Kathy

12:00 to 1:00 – Lunch

1:00 to 3:00 – Cabinet Meeting (to include ID nomination election)

Registration cost: \$38.00 includes lunch

Check payable to: **Vermont District 45 Lions - REGISTRATION due no later than October 25th.**

Any questions, please contact DG DEB or CST John Tiholiz

Overnight accommodations are available at **The Delta Marriott Hotel**. Call (802) 658-0250 and ask for the special Lions Club rate of \$119 plus fees using the code “Vermont Lions D45 Super Raffle”.

International Director Candidate Election

Dear District 45 Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Past District Governors and fellow District 45 members,

On Saturday November 9, 2024, the annual District 45 Fall Conference will be held. The members of District 45 have a very important SPECIAL election: electing a representative of District 45 to receive the endorsement of District 45 to be a candidate to be an International Director of the Lions Club International Board of Directors.

There are two candidates to receive such endorsement: Past District Governor Walter Hastings and Past District Governor Kathy Dorman.

The election process will be similar to elections for District 45 leadership. Delegates per club HAVE BEEN determined based on club membership as of September 1. Info on number of delegates per club will be sent out via email but are also included in this notice

All delegates (including Past District Governors) must be in good standing with their clubs. **CLUB**

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Proof of paid membership dues (signed membership card) or letter from club secretary indicating in good standing will be required. This is both for delegates and for Past District Governors.

Please if at all possible, please notify PDG Bob Wilcox, PDG Betsy MaGee or myself, prior to Saturday November 9th, whom the club delegates are going to be.

For more information or if any questions, please contact PDG Ken Emery, PDG Betsy MaGee, PDG Bob Wilcox or DG Deb Savery.

On behalf of the elections committee, respectfully submitted.

PDG Ken Emery

Club	# of members	# of delegates	District 45 Past District Governors
Arlington	27	3	Monte, Wilcox
Barre	50	5	Walz
Brandon Forest Dale	26	3	
Brattleboro	2	1	
Castleton	74	7	Bizon, Patch
Champlain Valley	37	4	
Colchester	27	3	Emery
Deerfield Valley	37	4	
Enosburg Falls	51	5	
Essex Junction	43	4	MaGee
Georgia	11	1	
Granville	32	3	
Heartland	20	2	Greene, Hastings
Jericho-Underhill	22	2	
Londonderry Area Tri-Mountain	14	1	Nichols
Manchester	21	2	Wood
Middlebury	57	6	Broughton
NorShaft	51	5	Smith
Norwich	21	2	Wheeler
Orleans	35	4	
Readsboro	27	3	
Richford	20	2	
Springfield	26	3	Millay, Wilson
Strafford and Area	59	6	Coburn
Swanton Missisquoi Valley	14	1	Juaire, Souza
Troy and Area	34	3	McWilliams
Valley	17	2	
Vergennes	64	6	Dorman, Simino
Williston Area	4	1	
Windsor	12	1	

The Vergennes Lions Club
proudly presents

Lion Kathleen Dorman

Candidate for Nomination
International Director



Dedicated to Service Membership & Leadership

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 Kathleen 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 as International Director 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 Vision 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 In Service - Lion Jim McClay

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

The Heartland Lions Club Presents
LION WALTER HASTINGS
Candidate for Nomination
International Director

PDG Walter is a dedicated Lion of 21 years



He is committed to Lionism.

He enjoys serving locally as a member of the Heartland Lions Club and District 45.

Dedicated to planning for the future and keeping an eye on the past.

Knowledge of our Lions Organization both

PDG Walter has served his district as:

District Governor D45, First Vice District Governor, Global Membership Team, Honorary Chair, Zone Chair Coordinator, Member of New England Lions Council, Melvin Jones Fellow, International Presidential Medal
Attended 5 International Conventions
Attended 5 USA/Canada Leadership Forums

PDG Walter has served his club as:

President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, Membership, LCIF Coordinator, Branch Club Liaison, Zone Chair

Professional & Community Career:

-Land Surveying over 40 years
-Current Use Advisory Board, Governor Appointed
-Current Board member of South Royalton Co-op Market

-Owner of Exit 3 Storage
-White River Partnership Watershed Group
-Community-Based Learning program with SRHS and Lebanon NH High School
-Boy & Girl Scouts
-SRHS Alumni Association
-Recognized as Lister of the Year Award
-Vermont Assessors and Listers Association: served as Legislative Liaison

-Town of Royalton: Many positions including:
Building and Grounds Manager
Lister (tax assessors) for 40 years
Served on Regional Planning Commission
Board of Civil Authority
Royalton Planning Commission for 23 years
Chair for 15 years
Floodplain and Zoning Administrator



Education:

Graduate from Paul Smith College
Continued education at Vermont Technical College

Hobbies and Interest

Raising animals, renovations, cabinet making, vehicles restoration, repairing most anything

"True leadership is like a lion; it's not about being served, it's about serving others." – Anonymous

As Lions, we need to be focused on the future so we can continue to grow and thrive by keeping our foundation healthy and ready to support by serving in new and innovative ways.



VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES

Official Warning of the Vermont Lions Charities Annual meeting to be held Saturday the 9th of November 2024 at the Delta Marriott Hotel, South Burlington Vermont. This meeting will consist of voting and election for a three year term of a Treasurer and a President.

At our August Meeting our out going Treasurer Lion Woody Stoddard was presented with Lions International Presidential Medal. Well deserved recognition for his outstanding dedication as our Vermont Lions Charities Treasurer for several years. We also approved a \$50,000 donation for Flood Relief through the Vermont Community Foundation.

I also wanted to let members know that officially my Presidential term does not end until 2025, however it is with regrets that I have made the decision to resign as President effective December 31, 2024.

It was not been an easy decision to make, however I feel it is the best for Vermont Lions Charities, as I am finding more and more difficult to fulfill the position as it should be. The past two years have been extremely rewarding and I have enjoyed working with this very succesful and dedicated team.

I am asking for a letter of intent from anyone interested in the President position to please forward a letter of intent to me so that I can share with the board and give those individuals an opportunity to speak at our meeting prior to elections. Nominations also can come from the floor, just as a reminder, to be elected to VLC board you have to meet the same qualifications to be a District Governor.

Yours in Lionism

PDG Merry Souza
VLC President

VERMONT DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS

Vermont District 45 is pleased to announce our annual



Super Raffle Fundraiser for the Benefit of LCIF

Saturday, November 9th, 2024

The Delta Marriot Hotel, South Burlington, Vermont

5:30pm - SOCIAL 6:30pm - DINNER followed by Raffle

Evening highlights

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

Multiple Grand Prizes, Multiple Door Prizes

***** Grand Prize \$1500, \$1750 if 175 tickets sold, \$2,000 if 200 tickets are sold *****

\$100 for each Super Raffle Ticket


\$35 for each Dinner Meal

Deadline to purchase meals is October 25, 2024

(can be bought by Lions, Lions Clubs, Community members)

Funds raised allow Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to be granted

Overnight accommodations are available at The Delta Marriott Hotel, 1117 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT. Call (802) 658-0250 and ask for the special Lions Club rate of \$119 plus fees using the code "Vermont Lions D45 Super Raffle". Please keep in mind rooms are only guaranteed at that rate until Monday, October 7th.

VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE		VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 ANNUAL SUPER RAFFLE	
November 9, 2024			
Ticket Request		proceeds to benefit  Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION	
\$100 per ticket			
\$35 per meal		November 9, 2024	
Total Amount – Checks Payable to District 45 Vermont Lions		The Delta Marriott Hotel, South Burlington, VT Social 5:30 to 6:30 ~ Dinner and Raffle 6:30 pm	
		MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 45	
Ticket Owner Information			
Name: _____		All vouchers will be assigned a ticket number, on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to have a specific ticket number please contact PCT Loreen Teer at (802) 899-1363 or lionloreen2007@gmail.com.	
Address: _____		Please mail completed ticket request to:	
Phone: _____		PCT Loreen Teer	
Name of Attendee (if not ticket owner)		2-B Rabbit Run, Underhill, VT 05489	
Please see "flyer" for deadline information			

Peace Poster Contest

2024-2025

Peace Without Limits

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring this art contest in which students create peace posters expressing their visions of peace to inspire the world through art and creativity.

Let's increase participation in this very special art contest in schools and youth groups! Here's how.

#1. Order Your Kit Today!

Kits are available without shipping costs through District 45 - limited quantity! A kit is needed for each contest sponsored. For a kit, please contact Peace Poster Chair Lion Susan Toth – susanpe57@gmail.com

#2. Know Your Peace Poster Contest Rules & Deadlines!

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified. For full rules & deadlines please check the District 45 Directory posted on the Vermont lions website.

#3. Contact Your School Districts Art Teacher!

Hold a Lions Club Art Day at a Local Community Center!

#4. Create Excitement!

#5. Hold an Art Show Displaying the Posters!

#6. Choose A Winner!

#7. Submit Your Club Winner to the District!

District Winner will be chosen at the Fall Conference on November 9, 2024. All entries should be hand delivered to Lion Susan Toth on November 9th.

Looking for ideas or are you running into roadblocks?

Please reach out to Susan Toth

D45 Peace Poster Chair at susanpe57@gmail.com

Let her know that your club will be participating this year.



Global Service Team

PDG Carol Greene

FVDG Tanya Letourneau

The Lions Clubs International's Global Service initiative focuses on uniting Lions and Leos worldwide to address significant challenges through impactful service projects. The Global Service Team (GST) helps clubs identify resources and best practices to enhance their projects and maximize their impact¹.

Lions Clubs International emphasizes three mission pillars in their global service efforts²:

1. **Improve health and well-being:** Helping people lead healthy and fulfilling lives.
2. **Strengthen communities:** Enhancing communities through service, funding, and leadership.
3. **Support those in need:** Turning kindness into solutions for those who need it most.

These efforts are organized around eight, global causes: vision, hunger, environment, childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, humanitarian efforts and youth.

Did you know that Vermont District Lions 45 taking part in Service with your clubs help:

Lions Recycle for Sight

We collect used eyeglasses, please make sure they are in good shape, no bows or lense missing.

Through the collection of used eyeglasses to help those in need, particularly in low and middle-income countries where access to eye care is limited. Does your club have a collection box in various community locations like libraries, school, optical shops and places of worship?

The used eyeglasses are sent to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers where they are sorted, cleaned and prepared for distribution. These are distributed to people in need through optical missions around the world.

Please be sure to label your boxes when bringing them to a Cabinet Meeting/Forum, include your club name and how many glasses are in each box.

Lions collect empty pill bottles

Many clubs engage in collecting empty pill bottles/covers to support medical care in developing countries. This helps ensure medications are safely distributed and also addresses environmental concerns by recycling plastic.

Here is how your club can get involved:

-Set up a collection box in various community locations such as pharmacies, clinics and community centers.

-Be sure the pill bottles are cleaned; labels and residue are removed, and they are sorted by color and type. You must be able to see through the bottles, no solid white bottles accepted.

Bring these to a Cabinet Meeting/Forum, include your Club name and how many pill bottles are in each box/bag. Lion Pam Greene (Heartland) is responsible for preparing bottles to send to organizations like Matthew 25: Ministries, which includes them in shipment of medical supplies to countries in need.

This program not only helps improve health care in underserved areas but also promotes environmental sustainability by recycling materials that would contribute to waste.

These are just a couple examples of Service and how your club can get involved.

Vision Screening Report

October 2024

The first month of school is behind us as is the first month of vision screening. Reports of numbers are slowly beginning to trickle in, but from here on in, things begin to increase. Please remember that I need at least monthly reports to keep track of our progress. These reports need not be lengthy, just an email with the total numbers of students screened, number of referrals, and the number of sessions is needed. Since Covid, sometimes schools need to do separate classes on different days so consider each day you go to a school is a separate session for recordkeeping purposes. If adults are also screened, remember to separate their number from the children's screening and remind them that your vision screening of adults is not a replacement for a professional because detection of some eye disorders in older adults is not possible by your machines.

For those who would like more training other than the UTube sessions, I have included here a website that you can access for actual Zoom-type classes for more personal trainings. When entering this site look for the day of the week, then look just right of it and you will see a "down" arrow that will open all the days and times the trainings are being offered that month. You can pick anyone that meets your schedule. You may attend as many of these courses as you wish, so check them out. Later, I plan to arrange in-person trainings in various locations throughout Vermont. I cannot give dates and times yet, but as soon as I can, I will send out information for them.

In the meantime, here's the link.

<http://www.plusoptix.com/webinar/s12c>

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this transitional period with the new cameras. Anything new takes time and patience. Thank you for yours.

Respectfully Submitted,

PCST Bruce Savery, Vision Screening Coordinator

2024 – 2025 Speech ‘ Speak Out’ Contest

**** Theme: Volunteering: Best way to leave a ‘mark’!!!**



1. Local contests are sponsored by an individual Lions Club OR a group of Lions Clubs, with high school students (including home school) of all classes eligible (grades 9-12) to participate.
2. All contest's arrangements, such as: **dates of contests, prize monies, judging, locations and advertising/promotion** are the responsibility of the individual Lions Club or the group of Lions Clubs.
3. Winners of local contests are eligible to participate in the District 45 Statewide competition.
4. The local contests should be held no later than April 5, 2025, with any delay beyond such date needing District contest chair approval.
5. Local contest winners' names and contact information are to be submitted to the District 45 contest chair by April 8, 2025.
6. IF the contest winner is not able to attend the District statewide competition, the participant finishing in 2nd or any subsequent contest participant, can be an 'alternate' to represent such contest.
7. The length of the speech shall be between 5 and 7 minutes not including any additional time for questions. Participants may use any props or other means in presenting their speech or monitoring their time.
8. Each contestant will be asked up to 3 questions from the contest judges.
9. The judges will use the following criteria in determining a winner: Addressing the theme, Presentation and Delivery

District Statewide Competition

1. To be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the annual Spring Convention for District 45.
2. Time to be determined, with location to be at Delta Marriott, South Burlington, Vermont. Final information to be provided by April 8, 2025.
3. District 45 statewide competition prizes (subject to confirmation of funding) are: 1st place - \$800, 2nd place - \$550, 3rd place - \$400, 4th place - \$300, 5th place - \$250 with 3 additional \$200 prizes.
4. There is a MAXIMUM of 8 participants allowed at the statewide competition.
5. Judges will be, if at all possible, a representative of all 4 Regions of District 45, with 1 guest judge, being a non-District 45 Lion or a non-Lion.
6. The length of the speech shall be between 5 and 7 minutes not including any additional time for questions. Participants may use any props or other means in presenting their speech or monitoring their time.
7. Each contestant will be asked 3 questions, by 3 different judges, on a rotation basis.
8. The judges will use the following criteria in determining a winner: Addressing the theme, Presentation and Delivery



Find your purpose

Today's leaders build tomorrow's world

Leo clubs are home to Lions Clubs International's youngest members, whose insights and actions are invaluable to further the mission of Lions International. Joining a Leo club can bring you a world of opportunity — from developing crucial life skills and making change in your community, to building lifelong connections with like-minded individuals.

See how Leos get things done!



Lions Clubs International

District 45

Youth Programs

Leo Clubs and Lions Quest

LEO stands for

Leadership, Experience, Opportunity.

- Leo Clubs are typically for students aged 13-18 but can be for young adults aged 19-30.
- Leo Clubs are either school or community based.
- Leo Clubs can enhance the sponsoring club's community presence.
- Leo Clubs give Lions the opportunity to mentor young leaders.

Lions Quest

- Lions Quest is a Social and Emotional Learning program for students PreK - Grade 12.
- Lions Quest programs support, encourage, and celebrate diversity.
- Lions Quest is designed to create a learning environment based on the needs of all students where no one is an outsider because everyone is needed, valued and important.
- Lions Quest implementation may be supported with LCIF grants.



Lions Quest and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

Lions Quest is a comprehensive and universal, evidence-based social and emotional learning program. SEL is a process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

[More about social and emotional learning](#)



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For more information about Leo Clubs or Lions Quest, please contact
DG Deb Savery or PDG Kathy Dorman



MD-44 3rd Regional Lions Leadership Institute

When: March 21-22, 2025.

Where: Hampton Inn – 126 Key Rd., Keene, NH.

Why: To stimulate and grow Leaders and Leadership Opportunities at the Club, District, Multiple District Levels and beyond.

Attendees: All LIONS in good standing who have not yet reached the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. **Only twenty-five slots available** so apply early! Please forward a completed application, **no later than Jan 31, 2025**, to your District Governor via Club President.

Cost of the Institute:

Multiple District 44 will provide meals according to the schedule of the institute. Double Occupancy Hotel rooms are included in the cost of the Institute. Hotel stay is required. By attendees. Single Room occupancy is available @\$129.00 plus taxes and Same rate will apply for Thursday or Saturday Night if desired.

Please note the cost for participation in this training event is \$125.00.

Participants are also responsible for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site. This is a 2-day intensive training program. Applicants must be willing to commit to attending both days of the Institute, including mandatory classroom sessions and scheduled group mealtimes.

Note: Acceptance to the Institute is not guaranteed. Limited to twenty-five.

Expectations of RLLI Graduates:

1. Pursue additional leadership roles and responsibilities in their respective zones and Districts.
2. Help to develop Lions Leaders and serve as a Leadership source in their Clubs, Zones, and Districts.

Regional Lions Leadership Institute Curriculum:

- **List of Training Topics: Lion Fundamentals, Working in Teams, Diversity.**
- **Local issues and Opportunities, Public Speaking, Time Management.**
- **Personal Mission Statement, Member Motivation, Goal Setting.**
- **Join the Mission.**

For further information please contact your District Governor or Event Coordinators Kamal Masand or Randy Tompkins (kmasand01@gmail.com or rye642@comcast.net).



MD 44 Regional Lions Leadership Institute
Hampton Inn, 126 Key Road, Keene, NH
Friday thru Saturday March 21 to 22, 2025

Part 1: Applicant Information

* PLEASE PRINT - Required information for all institute correspondence

District Number: _____ Membership Number: _____

First/Given Name: _____ Last/Family Name: _____

Email*: _____ State _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Month and Year Joined Lions Clubs: ____ Club Number: _____ Name : _____

Current Lions Title: _____ Highest position held in Lions Clubs: _____

I confirm that I am capable of understanding and actively participating through reading, writing, and fluent speaking skills in English

Lions Leadership Institutes Previously Attended (Locations & Dates): _____

Check for \$125.00, Made out to Multiple District of NH 44 .

Part 2: Experience and Skills, Please type or print using additional sheets as needed.

1. Offices held within current Lions Club:

Part 3: Acknowledgements

___ I understand that MD44 is not responsible for personal costs, including but not limited to, those associated with the following: illness, unanticipated or other personal events, lost or stolen property.

___ I understand that I am expected to attend all classroom sessions and group meals and activities.

Part 4 Endorsement The applicant's District Governor or Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator must complete this section. In what ways will this applicant benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute? _____

Applicant : _____ Title: _____ Email: _____

DG or GLT: _____ Date: _____

DG= Please Mail the application with checks to Council Chair Kamal Masand or PDG Randy Tompkins.

New England Lions Council

Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England



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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

New England Lions Council Individual Membership

2024 – 2025 NELC DUES: \$10.00

Membership coverage is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Lion's Name: _____

District/MD: _____

District/MD Position(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____

Best Email: _____

Renewal _____ New NELC Member? _____

Please mail *Form* to PDG Kathy Dorman at the above address with a check to NELC

NEW ENGLAND LIONS COUNCIL (NELC)



"Serving the Needs of the Districts of New England"



OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH (FRI/SAT)

2024-2025 Fall Weekend

GAT Theme: Membership Development

ALFOND FORUM, UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND, 605 POOL RD., BIDDEFORD, ME. 04005

Note: There is no specific hotel with a room block, it is peak season in Maine and most hotels are not offering that option. Suggested hotel options are: Holiday Inn Express Biddeford (6.2 miles); Ramada Inn, Saco (6.2 miles); Hampton Kennebunk (13.1 miles) You may want to check other hotels in the area.

Friday Evening 6-10 p.m.

Fellowship, drinks and a meal at Batson River Brewery & Distillery.
Located at the Lincoln Hotel, 17 Lincoln Street, Biddeford, ME. 04005

Saturday AM Seminars

8:30-9:30 Necrology Service in memory of our deceased Lions since October 2023

9:30-10:30 Membership Growth - Make your Mark - Lion Daniel Marney-Elkins

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 Membership 1.5 - Panel Discussion - Facilitated by PDG John Babb - Listen to our GMT Leaders discuss their successes in utilizing creative Methods to increase district membership. PDG Michelle Crocker, PDG Deb Grassi, PDG Christine Greenwood & PDG Michele Wyatt

Luncheon

Luncheon Speaker: Lion Daniel Marney-Elkins, Past International Board Appointee 2023-2024

LCIF - Our Global Foundation

Business Meeting and Governors' Reports

Immediately following lunch

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday Noon Luncheon: Choice of assorted pre-made sandwiches and gluten-free vegetarian wraps, garden salad, whole fruit, chips, cookies and lemonade.

Lunch at \$35.00 per person X _____ Total = _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

District/MD ____ / ____ Dist/MD Position: _____ Club Position: _____

Contact Info: Phone _____ Email _____

Make check payable to: NELC

Mail check/form to: PDG Kathy Dorman, Treasurer, P.O. Box 91, New Haven, VT 05472

Email: vtlionkathy@gmail.com

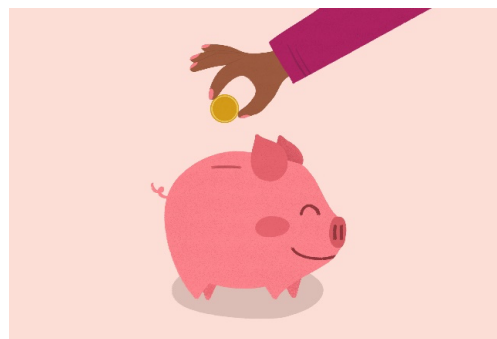
Event Registration Deadline: October 4, 2024

Questions or Special Dietary needs to: PDG Norm Hart, 207-431-0235 normhart13@yahoo.com



Money Matters

by PDG Kathy Dorman



Email Fraud Alert for Club Members

Beware! You might receive emails from scammers posing as club officers or fellow Lions members, asking for urgent payments, bank transfers, or sensitive information. One common scam involves being asked to purchase gift cards on behalf of the club—this is always a red flag. Never agree to buy gift cards for any reason, no matter how urgent the request appears. Always verify unexpected requests directly with the person through a phone call or in-person meeting. Your diligence protects the club from financial fraud. Stay cautious and alert!

Tax Deductible Contributions

Please be reminded that donations made directly to Lions Clubs are not tax-deductible. However, we encourage you to consider making larger donations through Vermont Lions Charities, which can accept tax-deductible contributions. Once received, VLC will process the donation and then turn it around to your club for use in your projects and initiatives. This way, we can ensure compliance with tax regulations while supporting the important work you are doing in our communities. Thank you for your generosity and continued dedication!

IRS 990 Tax Return Filing Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that your annual IRS Form 990 filing is due by **November 15th**. If your club's annual gross receipts are \$50,000 or less, you should file the **990-N (e-Postcard)** to maintain your tax-exempt status. For clubs with higher income, ensure you file the appropriate version of the 990 form. Filing on time is essential to avoid penalties and keep your club in good standing with the IRS. Please note that an organization cannot request an extension to file form 990-N. Don't wait until the last minute!

Please refer to the following chart for filing requirements:

2023-2024 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

**Always consult with your tax advisor.

Editor's Corner

A note from the Editor:

Thank you all for your patience as we transition to a new Editor of the Communiqué. While we don't need to reinvent the wheel, there is always a learning curve associated with transition. I'm amazed at how much I have already learned in putting together the August issue.

With that said, there are a few housekeeping items that I'd like take care of so that we are all on the same page.

1st: When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put '**For Communique**' in the subject line of the email. This will help to quickly scan and sort for information. I don't want to miss anything or have it get lost in a sea of emails.

2nd: Please submit items in one of the following formats: PDF, Word, PNG or JPEG. Please help me get the Communique posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format.

3rd: A quick Marketing 101 reminder: Be sure to include the 5 W's. Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? when sending information for inclusion in the Communiqué.

For example, an item from a recent submission:

(Who) **ORLEANS LIONS CLUB**

(What) **HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**

(When) Saturday August 24, 2024

(Where) Lake Willoughby North Beach parking lot

(Why) It's their fundraiser

(How) Sign up at 9:00 am (start at 10:00am)

\$30 per team – maximum 40 teams

4 pits – horseshoes provided

Double elimination – rules to be posted

Cash prizes, and items for raffle

(Other relevant information) We no longer provide food at this event; Please - no dogs

4th: Please remember to include a caption with each picture. It should identify who is in the picture and what event is depicted.

And lastly: Start advertising your event months in advance. Don't wait until the September Communiqué to promote a September event. Send the information as early as possible. It will get on the calendar and out to the district to be promoted.

All information/photos MUST be received by the 25th of each month.

Thanks for your help in promoting the great work of Lions across our district!

GIVE US A FOLLOW

SCAN THESE QR CODES TO FOLLOW DISTRICT 45 AND HELP US GROW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM



WANT TO HAVE YOUR POST SHARED ON THE DISTRICT PAGES?

EMAIL SVDGDREW AT

ANDREW.J.PERRY96@GMAIL.COM