

# The Communiqué

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### Notes from the District Governor - May 2025

I see green grass, budding leaves and flowers and the promise of new and wonderful things to come for the spring. Plans are still being worked on for the 2024-2025 Spring Convention that will be held at the Fireside Inn and Suites in West Lebanon, New Hampshire on May 30, 31, and June 1st .

I am pleased to announce that we will have a wonderful guest speaker for the weekend, Past International Director Joyce Middleton. Please read her biography in this issue of the Communiqué. She is an incredible leader who has served Lions Clubs International in many capacities.

Get your registrations in for the weekend or just come for the day. Briefly, Friday night is, come as you are or have fun with it and dress to express your most favorite musical decade, 60's, 70's or 80's. The evening will be filled with food and dancing and a whole lot of Lion friendship. Saturday morning there will be a vision screening presentation with Lion Michael Wright, followed by the Speak Out Contest after which lunch will be served. At 1 o'clock, the cabinet meeting and voting for incoming officers will be held.

There will be free time for the rest of the afternoon to give everyone a chance to rest and prepare for the Melvin Jones Banquet to be held that evening. More dancing will round out the event so plan to come, have a great time and help us celebrate another successful Lion year.

I hope to see many of you at the convention. Let's gather and celebrate and enjoy a special time with our friends and Lion family.

Enjoy the warmer weather!

Yours in kindness and gratitude.

District Governor Deb

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Hosts-Event</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>
<b>May, 2025</b>		
May 2, 2025, deadline	District 45 Diaper Drive	All Clubs
May 2025	Calendar Raffle for ID Candidate PDG Kathy Dorman	All Clubs
May 3, 2025	Fish Fry	Arlington Rec Park Pavilion
May 3, 2025	Spring Bonnett Community Fun Walk	NorShaft Lions
May 12, 1025	Harlem Wizards Basketball	Burr & Burton Academy Manchester, VT
May 16-17, 2025	NELC Spring Weekend	Lions Camp Pride New Durham, NH
May 17, 2025	Essex Junction & Champlain Valley Spaghetti Dinner	VFW Post 6689 Essex Junction, VT
May 17, 2025	Barre Lions – Cookout Aubuchon Hardware	85 S Main Street Barre, VT
May 17, 2025	NorShaft Lions Carnival	Bennington VFW
May 30-31& June 1 2025	Spring Convention	Fireside Inn West Lebanon, NH Phone: 603.298.5900
May 31, 2025	District 45 Speak Out Contest	Fireside Inn West Lebanon, NH
<b>June, 2025</b>		
June 10, 2025	11th Annual Barre Lions Club Disc Golf Tournament	The Quarries Disc Golf Course in the Barre Town Forest
<b>July, 2025</b>		
July 13-17, 2025	LCI Convention	Orlando, Florida
July 26, 2025	Lions Twin State Soccer Games Celebrating 50 <sup>th</sup> Season	Hanover High School Hanover, NH
<b>September 2025</b>		
September 21, 2025	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament	Windy Hills Golf Course, Greenwich, NY

\*\*Please note the phone number for Fireside Inn & Suites is 603.298.5900 to make your room reservations for spring convention by May 1, 2025, please be sure to mention you are with Vermont Lions to receive the special rate.

# Club News

## Arlington Lions



Highlights from the Arlington Lions Easter Egg Hunt, which they partnered with Red Mountain Lodge



## Upcoming Events:

## ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

# FISH FRY

### MENU

**\$17**

Fried Cod  
Cole Slaw  
Fries  
Water

SCAN ME

**\$15**

Chicken Tenders  
Cole Slaw  
Fries  
Water

SCAN ME

**SATURDAY**

**MAY 3**

**11:30 - 2:00pm**

ARLINGTON  
REC PARK  
PAVILION

**Pay at the Park  
or Reserve Your Lunch  
Today!**

Email: [askalion@arlingtonlions.com](mailto:askalion@arlingtonlions.com)

Join us for a great time as we host the Harlem Wizards at BBA on May 12th, to benefit Northshire Special Olympics & Arlington Youth Programs. Game time is 6:30. Sponsorships are still available! Reach out to John Toth, event coordinator. Game day tickets available at [www.HarlemWizards.com](http://www.HarlemWizards.com).

## MAY 12 6:30

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THE  
ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

**SPONSORSHIP LEVELS & RECOGNITION**

★ **TIER 1 SPONSORSHIP**

All levels within tier 1 include a business FB Shoutout; at least 2 Shoutouts during the game and be Recognized as a business sponsor on a Banner

<p><b>"FOUL SHOT"</b></p> <p>★ Sponsor</p> <p><b>\$50 - \$75</b></p>	<p><b>"LAYUP"</b></p> <p>★ Sponsor</p> <p><b>\$100 - \$175</b></p>	<p><b>"JUMP SHOT"</b></p> <p>★ Sponsor</p> <p><b>\$200 - \$250</b></p>
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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

All checks should be made payable to:

"Vermont Lions Charities, Inc." and mailed to

PO Box 551 Arlington, Vt. 05250 or

call Event Chair John Toth at 201-924-9363 to arrange pickup.

Please retain a copy of this form for proof of donation.

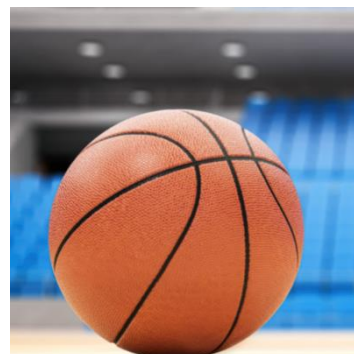
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Check: \_\_\_\_\_

★ A donation of ANY amount is welcomed and greatly appreciated! 100% of your gift will benefit Northshire Special Olympics & Arlington Youth Programs.

Made with PosterMyWall.com Please reach out to Event Coordinator John Toth: 201-924-9363





## Norshaft Lions

Come join the NorShaft Lions Bonnet Walk and Family Carnival in May and plan on attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament in September!

**GET CREATIVE AND GET OUTSIDE!**



JOIN US FOR THE FIRST NORSHAFT LIONS  
**SPRING BONNET**  
Community Fun Walk

**May 3rd, 10-11am - Everyone, all ages welcome!**

Starting at Lake Paran  
Ending at the Lions Park  
with a Yogurt and Healthy Snack Social

**Prizes for Best Bonnets!**  
Get a head start on building your Bonnet at the  
Norshaft Lions Easter Egg Hunt at the Park-McCullough House April 27th





Norshaft Lions Club

# 2ND ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF Tournament

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**  
10 AM SHOTGUN START  
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

**ONLY 72 SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

**(HOLE IN ONE) WIN A CAR**  
SPONSORED BY:  
   
Ford of Bennington

**WINDY HILLS GOLF COURSE**  
219 Windy Hills Rd.,  
Greenwich, NY 12834

REGISTRATION INCLUDES	AGENDA	PRIZES
<b>\$125 PER GOLFER</b>	8:30 AM Registration	<b>LONGEST DRIVE</b>
<b>\$650 FOURSOME W/ SPONSORSHIP</b>	10 AM Shotgun Start	<b>CLOSEST TO THE PIN</b>
<b>\$200 TEE SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES BUFFET</b>	Buffet Immediately following	<b>50/50 RAFFLE</b>

Follow Our Socials for Updates!  
Facebook @norshaftlionsclub  
Instagram @norshaftlions

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, CONTACT**  
Ray Cox 203-314-0947 raymondcox846@gmail.com

**NORSHAFT LIONS**



# 1ST ANNUAL FAMILY CARNIVAL

**MAY 17TH, 2025 - 9AM - 4PM**

FACE PAINTING, BOUNCE HOUSE, DUNK BOOTH, GAMES  
COTTON CANDY, CANDY APPLES, POPCORN AND MUCH MORE!

**PLUS - A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT!**  
\$50 PER TEAM: 2 ADULTS (18+) PER TEAM  
PRIZES: \$200 CASH PRIZE FOR 1ST PLACE TEAM, \$100 CASH PRIZE FOR 2ND PLACE TEAM  
CONTACT AMANDA GALIPEAU TO SIGN UP:  
(518) 894-6323 · asgalipeau@gmail.com

HELD AT THE BENNINGTON VFW: 137 North St. Bennington, VT 05201



 **Norshaft Lions Club** 2h · 🌐

 **HIS Pantry at SHSF · Follow** 2h · 🌐

Our sincere thanks for today's food donations from the [Norshaft Lions Club](#). This food will be greatly appreciated by our Pantry guests! Special thanks to Ray Cox, Kevin Lynch, and all the other club members working behind the scenes to help out the needy in our community.





# Vermont Asian-American Club Branch



**Vermont Asian-American Club Branch D 45**

**Vtaclub**  
Barre lions Club  
District 45



When theres a need  
Theres a Lion

**Mission Philippines**  
August 19th,2023  
Service Project

- Giving food packages to indiginous people
- Helping the Community
- We ask others to give So that we can assist those who are in need

**Vermont Asian-American Club Branch District 45**

**Become a Lion in your Community. Volunteer your time - We need YOU**



Find us on: Facebook, WhatsApp, Gmail

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@vtaclubbranch d45

**Lion Bernadette Z. Ibey**  
Club President

## What is a Lion

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

the Lion's motto "WE SERVE" is not merely a motto, but our definition and philosophy for life.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness," and they accepted. Since then, Lions have dedicated themselves to sight programs, aiming to prevent blindness and assist the visually impaired, giving aid to those with sight and hearing problems.

internationally lions have nearly eradicate the disease of river blindness in Africa and now serving the sight of millions in south America by providing cataract surgery

[vtaclub123123@gmail.com](mailto:vtaclub123123@gmail.com)  
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98 School St.Plainfield Vermont,05667

## Its About Giving

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

*we want your old glasses!*

**we accept:**

- sunglasses
- reading glasses
- children's glasses

*please help us, to help others*

**We collect eye glasses to be sent to the third world nations annually.Vermont lions club district 45 donates over 20,000 pairs of eye glasses to that cause**

★★★★★

**Vermont Asian-American Club Branch D45**

**Join a Legacy of Service:**  
Become a LION member  
**Join**

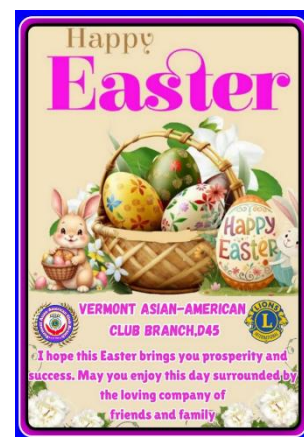
Vermont Asian-American Club Branch D45

**Message us to get involved**  
[vtaclub123123@gmail.com](mailto:vtaclub123123@gmail.com)  
802 917 3075

**Lion Bernadette Z. Ibey**  
Club President

"End Hunger NE" is kicking off 2025 with a remarkable achievement! On Saturday, January 11th, 2025, at the Canadian Club in Barre Vermont, Vermont District 45 Lions became the 71st group to join the mission of feeding over 100,000 people. Volunteers from Lions Club across Vermont came together to pack an impressive 25,000 meals, setting a new record,10,000 of these meals will be donated to the Food Bank, while the rest will go to local food shelves. Organizers are already aiming high for 2026, with a good of packing 30,000 meals in just one day.







## Middlebury Lions

PAGE 12B — Addison Independent, Thursday, April 10, 2025



SHARD VILLA'S OUTGOING director Lee Ann Goodrich sits on the aging stair chair that will be replaced thanks in part to a \$10,000 donation from the Middlebury Lions Club. Photo courtesy of Bill Cunningham

### Shard Villa gets funding for new stair chair lift

**SALISBURY** — The Middlebury Lions Club was able to step forward with a \$10,000 donation to help kick start the critical stair chair replacement at Shard Villa.

Nestled in a picturesque setting, Shard Villa is an non-profit residential care home housed in a stunning 1870s Second Empire mansion. It has served as a beloved care facility for over 100 years, offering residents a home-like atmosphere surrounded by breathtaking views of the Adirondacks and beautifully maintained grounds.

For years, a stair chair has been an essential feature for residents living on the second floor, providing access to common areas such as the dining room, living room, sunroom, and deck. However, after decades of use, the stair chair has reached the end of its

lifespan and needs to be replaced after numerous repairs.

The cost of removing the old stair chair and installing a new one came to \$23,535 — a significant but necessary expense for Shard Villa. The Middlebury Lions Club donation will go a long way toward covering the cost of the replacement. With the support of organizations like the Middlebury Lions Club, the facility can continue its mission of offering residents a dignified and comfortable home.

For more information about Shard Villa or to learn how you can support its mission go to [shardvilla.org](http://shardvilla.org). The Middlebury Lions Club is a local chapter of Lions Clubs International, a global service organization dedicated to improving communities through volunteerism and charitable efforts.

Middlebury Lion Mike Livingston was a long-time employee of Aubuchon hardware before he passed last summer.

To honor him the staff and employees sold Middlebury Lions cash calendars in his name...249 of them. Then their foundation donated an additional \$2,500 to our service account. All told that's \$7,480 for our community projects.



**Aubuchon Hardware** (859 Route 7S, Middlebury, VT)  
4h

Proud moment alert! 🌟 The Aubuchon Foundation donated \$2,500 towards our community involvement with the Middlebury Lions Club, contributing to a grand total of \$7,480. A huge shoutout to our amazing friends and neighbors for making a difference through the sales of Lions Club Cash Calendars. Together, we're making a positive impact in our community!

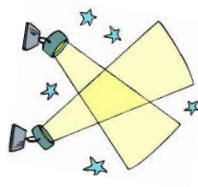
**Eyeglass Collections** – A note from Lion Randy Bigelow, Middlebury Lion, please do not bring your eyeglasses to the Spring Convention. Due to an injury, we kindly ask that you refrain from bringing your eyeglasses, unless you want to load them into Lion Randy's car and drive to Middlebury to unload them.



To help Lion Randy heal and stay safe, let's hold off on eyeglass collection for now.

Greatly appreciated, *Lion Randy*

**Essex Junction Lions** They have been busy ....be sure to check out their website at <https://www.essexjunctionlions.org/home>



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## ESSEX JUNCTION LIONS CLUB



VERMONT FLOWER SHOW



SVDG DREW PERRY

## Springfield Lions

### Lions Club Fights Hunger with “Food from the Heart” Service Project

With compassion in action, members of the local Lions Club stepped up to tackle food insecurity through their impactful “Food from the Heart” initiative, aligned with Lions Clubs International’s global cause of Hunger.

Thanks to the dedication of Springfield Lions volunteers, the club and Shaw’s patrons braved the snow and rain and collected over 250 pounds of food, delivered to the Springfield Family Center for residents in need. In addition to the food drive, the team raised \$282 to support future hunger relief efforts.

“Our mission is to serve, and when we see hunger in our own backyard, we act,” said Club President Joe Wilson. “Every can of food and every dollar collected makes a difference.” This initiative reflects Lions Clubs International’s worldwide commitment to ensuring no one goes to bed hungry. The Lions continue to demonstrate that even small, local efforts can have a powerful ripple effect across the community.



*Lions Paul Arnold and Bruce Savery present food and cash to  
Keegan Mack-Chase of Springfield Family Center*



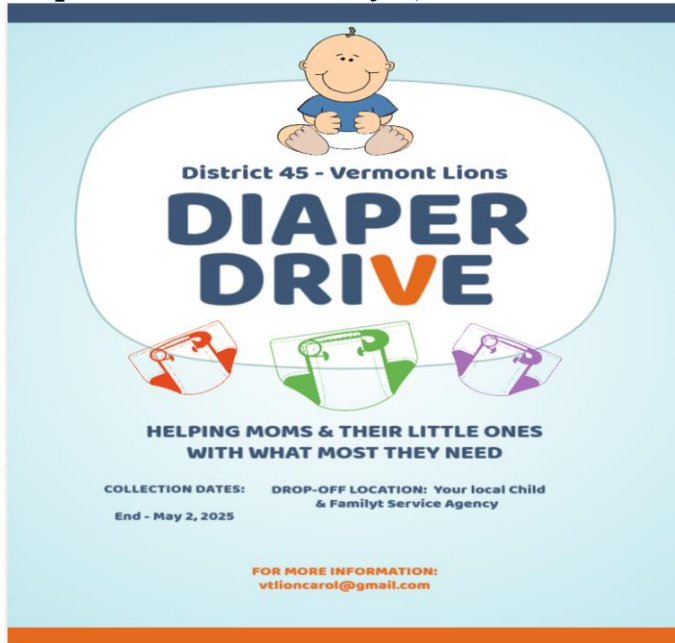
## Colchester Lions

On Saturday April 19th the Colchester Lions Club with assistance from the Colchester Parks and Recreation department hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt. On Friday night April 19th, Colchester Lions Club members, family, Colchester High National Honor Society students, Boy Scouts and leaders, along with 2 special friends from the Essex Jct. Lions club members (see photo) stuffed approximately 3800 plastic easter eggs with goodies. At 10:00 a.m. sharp, kids 8 and under ravaged the upper and lower Bayside parks searching for that elusive egg that had a number to win a prize (besides having goodies inside). All eggs were found, Easter Bunny had a great time and we had a very special attendee: PDG Kathy Dorman, endorsed candidate for International Director. A food drive was also held, collecting over 200 lbs. of food for the Colchester Food Shelf!!!!





**Service Project – District 45**  
**Diaper Drive – ends May 2, 2025**



**Windsor Lions donating 4,800 wipes:**



Due May 2,  
2025

**Please be sure to submit your totals for the Diaper Drive on or before May 2, 2025, to PDG Carol Greene & FVDG Tanya Letourneau (Global Service Team)**



**Springfield Lions Club Diaper Drive.** DG Debra and PCT Bruce Savary went to BJ'S and spent \$750.00 that was donated by the club for this. We got 2,408 diapers, and 4,320 wipes. Here is a picture of us dropping them off at the Springfield Area Parent Center.







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**START A TEAM  
TRACK YOUR TRASH**

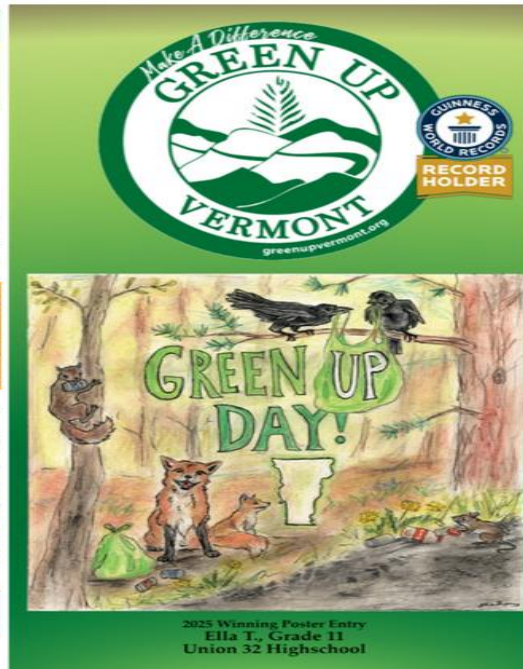
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pick an area
- Find YOUR TOWN Info  
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to show on the Leaderboard
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**SHARE YOUR WORK ON SOCIAL MEDIA**  
Good Deeds are Contagious!  
TAG [GreenUpVermont](#) or TEXT Pics to 802-522-7245 for us to share.



### So excited to have Green Up Day here at last.

So many folks clean roadsides on their daily walks year-round, so why do we get so excited for the big day. Green Up Day is about picking up litter but it is really so much more. It is neighborhood camaraderie, it is the common love that people feel for this State and the environment, and it is the impact we have on how participants live the rest of their lives.

Green Up Day creates prideful residents and visitors for Vermont. It teaches us to care for something bigger than just ourselves, like animals who don't understand "trash" and certainly can't do anything about it, and even though it is not our litter, the right thing to do is pick it up for the good of our planet.

Did you know that Green Up Day is one week older than Earth Day? I love that environmental care is happening beyond Vermont borders. I am ridiculously proud that in less than two weeks, Vermont's concerted efforts on Green Up Day will clear nearly the entire States road system of litter, making it the cleanest State in the nation. Read that again.

We might be annoyed at the unsightly trash, I don't care for it either, but the beauty of our effort is that most Vermonters care for their surroundings and when we do this work together we care largely for each other too. Green Up Day is also a wonderful experience for our next generations on so many levels.

Together we can clean up Vermont. Together we will build ongoing stewardship for the environment. Together we make an impact.

Be safe out there. I hope to see you at one of our after celebrations.

*Kate Alberghini, Executive Director*

### **Stay Safe On Green Up Day**



Put sharps in heavy plastic container, tape on lid, and mark "do not recycle."



See and share the latest  
[@greenupvermont](#)







**Essex Junction Lions Club  
&  
Champlain Valley Lions Club  
PRESENT**

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for local family in need**

**All money raised will go to help  
Local community needs.**

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**May 17th, 2025  
VFW Post 6689  
73 Pearl Street Essex Junction Vt. 05452  
Adults \$20 Children 12 and under \$10**

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**Join us for a night of fun!**

**Social hour 4 PM to 5 PM  
Dinner begins serving at 5 PM**

**Raffle, Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle.**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance,  
Please email [joinessexlions@gmail.com](mailto:joinessexlions@gmail.com) for info**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance,**



ATTENTION  
Fellow D-45  
Lions!

Vermont Lions D-45

# THE MONEY TREE

Benefit Vermont Lions Charities

**"THE MONEY TREE" RAFFLE IS BACK! THIS FUNDRAISER IS FUN AND TICKETS ARE EASY TO SELL!**

We have covered this tree with \$500.00 of VT Lottery Tickets! There will be three prizes: Raffle's First Place drawing wins all VT Lottery Tickets plus the tree, 2nd Place prize is \$200.00 cash and 3rd Place is a \$100.00 cash prize. All net proceeds will go into VL C's General Fund to cover growing demands for Sight and other D-45 Club requests. The cost of one raffle ticket is \$10.00 or 3 tickets for \$25.00. Envelopes containing raffle tickets will be mailed directly to D-45 Club Secretaries. For additional tickets or any questions about the raffle, please contact PCST Bruce Savery.

You may contact Lion Bruce by phone: 802-289-1696 or email: [bsavery29@gmail.com](mailto:bsavery29@gmail.com).

**IMPORTANT!** Please return all sold tickets with checks made out to Vermont Lions Charities to: Lion Bruce Savery, 137 Maple Ridge Road, Chester, VT 05143 by the deadline: May 22. The prizes will be drawn on May 31, 2025 at Spring Convention to be held at the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon, NH. Please be sure to mail these in on time. Also, please bring or send along by another Lion, any unsold tickets to this meeting.

Thank you again for your support. We sincerely hope that D-45 Club members enjoy participating in this fundraiser. Be assured your efforts will reach far beyond D-45 Club areas, contributing assistance where Vermonters do not have the added benefit of a Lions Club.

Thank you for your consideration and hopeful participation!

Yours in Lionism,

PCST Bruce Savery



Purchase your tickets by  
May 22!





# Save the Date

## SPRING WEEKEND

May 16-17, 2025

Lions Camp Pride

New Durham, New Hampshire



[www.lionscamppride.org](http://www.lionscamppride.org)



**Vermont Lions District 45**  
**Elections of District Officers 2025-2026**  
**Spring Convention**  
**Saturday, May 31, 2025**



April 1, 2025

To All Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Past District Governors

The Election of District 45 Officers: District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor is to be done at the annual Spring Convention on May 30-June 1 as part of the business meeting to be held Saturday, May 31, 2025.

Club Delegate Formula: Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Club International and this District shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown on the records of the international office on the first day of the month preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote for each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district.

Attached is a list of each club and number of delegates, alternatives plus the Past District Governors for each club. A Past District Governor may cast a ballot as a club delegate OR as a Past District Governor but not both.

Please let us know by May 25 who your club delegates are. Please also let us know if the Past District Governor(s) for your club are going to be voting as a delegate for your club or if they are voting individually.

We look forward to seeing everyone in West Lebanon at the Fireside Inn and Suites for this very important election. And hearing from you in regarding to your club representation. Attached you will find bios on the candidates for each position along with details about the 2025 Spring Convention.

Again, we look forward to seeing everyone!

Yours in Lionism,

2025 Election Committee

PDG Betsy MaGee [lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com)

PDG Bob Wilcox [wilcoxrw@aol.com](mailto:wilcoxrw@aol.com)

PDG Carol Greene [vtlioncarol@gmail.com](mailto:vtlioncarol@gmail.com)





**Vermont Lions District 45**  
**Elections of District Officers 2025-2026**  
**Spring Convention**  
**Saturday, May 31, 2025**



Elections to be held as part of the 2025 Spring Convention Business Meeting.

Meeting to be held in person. Clubs must determine who their delegates are going to be by no later than May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Past District Governors can vote as a delegate for their club or individually but not both. Clubs must be in good standing in regarding to paying financial amounts to Lions Clubs International and District 45.

All delegates and Past District Governors **MUST** register at the Election registry **PRIOR** to start of the election process.

Candidates are:

DG 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tanya Letourneau, Essex Junction Lions

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Andrew Perry, Essex Junction Lions

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lucas Herring, Barre Lions

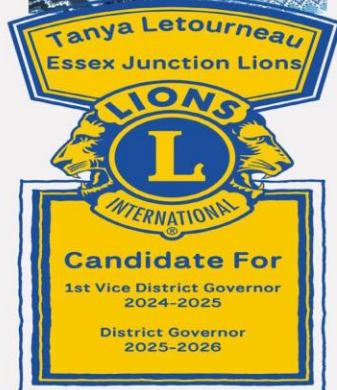
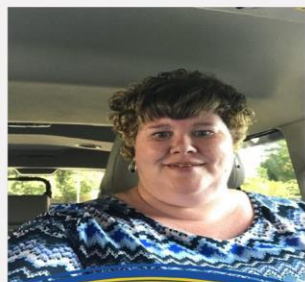
<b>Club</b>	<b>Members as of 3/31</b>	<b>Delegates</b>	<b>PDG</b>
Arlington	24	2	Monte/Wilcox
Barre	50	5	Walz
Brandon Forest Dale	24	2	
Brattleboro Area	2	1	
Castleton	71	7	Patch/Bizon
Champlain Valley	38	3	
Colchester	28	2	Emery
Deerfield	40	4	
Enosburgh Falls	48	4	
Essex Junction	44	4	MaGee
Georgia	11	1	Fuller
Granville	45	4	
Heartland/Royalton & Area	20	2	Arnold/Hastings/Greene
Jericho-Underhill	22	2	
Londonderry Tri Mtn	12	1	Nichols
Manchester	26	2	Wood
Middlebury	54	5	Broughton
NorShaft	48	4	Smith
Norwich	21	2	Wheeler
Orleans	35	3	
Readsboro	27	2	
Richford	20	2	
Springfield	28	2	Millay/Wilson
Strafford & Area	58	5	Coburn/Tiholiz
Swanton-Missisquoi Valley	14	1	Souza/Juaire
Troy & Area Valley	34	3	McWilliams
Vergennes	9	1	
Williston	65	6	Simino/Dorman
Windsor	4	1	
	12	1	
Total Members	934		



## Get to know your candidates:

**Elections of District 45 Officers:** District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor is to be done at the annual Spring Convention, May 30-April 1, as part of the business meeting to be held Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Wet Lebanon Fireside Inn and Suites.

**District Governor Candidate,** Lion Tanya Letourneau, Essex Junction Lions



**Tanya Letourneau**  
55 Jericho Rd.  
Essex Junction, VT 05452

Cell: (802)324-4160  
Email: vtliontanya@gmail.com



I have been a lion for six years.

In the six years I have been a lion  
I have personally grown more  
than I ever thought possible.

I have become the person  
I only had a dream of becoming.

Kindness  
is  
MAGIC

1<sup>st</sup> 1

## My Lions History

Member of Williston Lions Club  
For 4 years

Member of Essex Junction Lions  
Club for 2 years

Champlain Valley Lions Charter  
Club Sponsor Member

HAVE SERVED IN THE  
FOLLOWING OFFICES:

Cabinet Secretary

Zone Chair

Club President

New England Lions  
Council Member

Food From the Heart Chair

Super Raffle Committee



## Why?

Lions help people,  
I love helping people.

Lions change lives,  
I want to change lives.

Where there is a need  
there is a lion.

I want to be  
the best lion I can be.



If you have the  
power to make  
someone happy,  
do it!  
The world needs  
more of that.

#kindnessmatters



**DREW PERRY**  
For  
Vice District Governor  
2025-2026



**We Serve**

**DREW PERRY**  
For  
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**Thank you  
for  
your  
consideration**

186 West St  
Apt 1  
Essex Junction, Vt. 05452  
Call or Text:  
(603)505-5371

Email:  
andrew.j.perry95@gmail.com

**We Serve**

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I've been involved with service organizations my whole life.

In 2011 my family became members of the Grange where I have held the position of Marketing Chair since 2013

In 2012 I was awarded BSA's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout from Troop 521 where I had been a Member since 2001

From there I attended Northern Vermont University where I studied Adventure Leadership.

Post college my wife and I moved to Essex Junction and joined the Lions.

**DREW PERRY**  
For  
Vice District Governor  
2025-2026



**Leadership History**

**Lions Leadership Possitions**

Second Vice District Governor  
Zone Chair  
E.J. President  
E.J. Secretary  
E.J. Board of Directors  
E.J. Chartered Organization Rep.  
Super Raffle Committee Chair  
Green Mountain Lions Camp

**Awards**

Melvin Jones Fellowship  
2024 recipient  
Vermont Lions Charity's  
500 Club Award Recipient

**Other Accomplishment's**

B.S. Adventure Leadership  
Northern Vermont University  
A.S. Digital Media and Marketing  
Northern Vermont University  
Eagle Scout - 3 Palms  
B.S.A Troop 521 Londonderry N.H.  
Leadership Training Certified Instructor  
National Youth Leadership Training



**Get to know me**

My wife and I have been Lions for 6 years. We originally got involved to serve our community as we both we're new to Essex Junction and have been in and around service organizations our entire lives.

My journey to Lions started in the Scouts where I earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2012 and 3 Palms in 2013.

Growing up in New Hampshire I always loved the outdoors and scouting brought me to N.V.U and Vermont to pursue a degree in Adventure Leadership

My wife Sabrina and I met in 2016 and bonded over our shared love for photography and nature. When we married in 2021 we opted to elope on the beautiful Kukio beach in Kailua-Kona Hawaii.

In 2020, we rescued our 4 legged son Togo, an adorable Husky Golden Retriever mix

Though he is not a Lion we consider him our "Puppy in service" and we're hoping to Have him by our side this year at the Essex Junction Memorial Day Parade.

Sabrina, Togo and I appreciate your consideration!

**DREW PERRY**  
For  
Vice District Governor  
2025-2026



**"Do not  
go where  
the path may lead,  
go instead  
where there is  
no path  
and leave  
a  
TRAIL"**



**Ralph  
Waldo  
Emerson**



### About Me

A lifetime Central Vermonter but travelled all 50 states. 25-year state employee currently working as a Deputy IT Director at ADS supporting the Agency of Human Services. My volunteer experience is with the 251 Club of VT, Sons of the American Legion, Green Up VT, Scouting, Barre Mutuo, BYSA Football, Everybody Wins!, Elks, FFFF, Northfield Observances, Relay for Life, Corrections Technology Association, March of Dimes, Prevent Child Abuse VT, VFW, and the Penguin Plunge. I have a 11 years of experience on City Council (4 years as Mayor) a decade on School Boards (6 years as Chair), and boards and committees for VSBA, VLCT, VSEA, and the USS VT.



### Awards

- VSARA Beacon Award
- Corrections Tech. Assoc. Presidents' Award
- District Commander of the Year
- Butch Miller Award
- George B. Evans Grassroot Award
- Community Service Recognition Award
- S.A.L. Squadron Member of the Year
- Nearing 20 gallons donated to the American Red Cross



### Q & A

#### What do Lions do?

Our main mission is to help those who have sight and hearing problems, but we also are ready to help all who are needy.

#### Where do YOU serve?

Lions Clubs are international, but I will be concentrating on helping those in District 45, and in your local clubs. Let me help you to grow your club, increase your fundraising, and become better recognized in your communities.

#### How Big are WE?

There are 34 clubs in Vermont and 46,000 worldwide. WE are the world's largest service club with over 1.6 million members!

#### How do I learn more?

Please visit:

[www.vermontlions.org](http://www.vermontlions.org)



### My Lions History

- Member of the Barre Lions Club
- Past Club President
- Past Board of Director
- Local Speak Out Chairperson
- Zone Chair
- Green Mountain Lions Camp participant
- Volunteer for Club and District Activities

### What is a Lion?

Lions are dedicated men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes in the local and world communities. By conducting service projects and raising funds, Lions strive to help those in need. The Lions' motto "WE SERVE" is not merely a motto, but our definition and philosophy of life!

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

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

# *The 2025 District 45 Spring Convention*

An Overview of the Upcoming Event

## **Introduction**

The 2025 Spring Convention is set to be one of the most anticipated events of the year, bringing together Lions from all over District 45. This annual event has built a reputation for being a time of great fun, social interaction and Lion comradery.

## **Event Details**

### **Dates and Venue**

The 2025 Lions District 45 Spring Convention will take place from May 30 to June 1, 2025, at the comfortable and spacious Fireside Inn and Suites, 25 Airport Rd, Lebanon, NH located in the area of West Lebanon, NH. The venue offers spacious rooms, modern facilities, and easy access to shops, stores and attractions of all kinds.

### **Registration and Attendance**

For room registration, attendees are urged to register early as the block of rooms reserved at the lower rate of \$139.95 plus taxes for this event will go quickly. Remember, this price also includes breakfast. Please call Fireside directly (603) 298-5900 to reserve your room. The deadline for the lower room rate is 5/1/2025. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS PART OF THE LION'S CONVENTION WHEN REGISTERING.

➡ To register for the Spring Convention, please send your completed registration form with payment to PDG CST John Tiholiz, by 5/23/25, found in the Communique.

## **Guest Speaker**

The 2025 Spring Convention is proud to announce that the guest speaker for Saturday evening will be PID Joyce Middleton. She will be speaking on the value of service to District 45 and around the world.

PID Joyce is from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

A charter member of the Bridgewater Community Lions Club since 2008, and a Lion since 2002, she has held many offices within the association. In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, two Club President Excellence Awards, District Governor Excellence Award, Extension Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciations and three International President's Medals. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Middleton has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the National Braille Press.

Director Middleton and her husband, Martin, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and one daughter, who are also Lions.





## Other Activities for Convention

Friday evening will be a night of food, socializing and dancing with a few surprises thrown in by our very own PDG Travis Wood. A beautiful buffet, dessert and cash bar will be available for your evening pleasure. (Food choices to follow for all meals)

Saturday will be a full day of activities (with some down time built in so you can catch your breath). In the morning there will be a presentation by Lion Michael Wright who will speak on the importance of vision screening in Vermont and will be available to perform vision screenings and answer questions for those interested. This will be scheduled right after breakfast from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

At 10:15 we will gather for the annual Speak Out Contest hosted by PDG Ken Emery. This event is always a great opportunity to listen to the young people of our district share their views and knowledge about a chosen topic. This year's eight contestants will speak about "Volunteering – Best way to leave a 'mark'!!!" and promises to be interesting and educational. Immediately following the contest, another lovely lunch buffet with dessert will be available which will give attendees a chance to chat with the young people about their future plans.

### ***Memorial Service***

We need your help on the Lions Memorial Service, Sunday, June 1:

If you have a deceased Lion please provide the following to PDG Merry Sousa, no later than May 24, 2025:

1. Lions Name and club
2. # years of service
3. special service recognition awards: melvin jones fellow, vlc 500 club member
4. special club recognition / attributes: president, secretary, pancake master, tail twister expert. 'I know where that club is - travel itinerary guru'!!!
5. photo of such member

Even if the club representative has not been able to report the LCI that the member has passed away, please make sure to send information to PDG Merry.

Information needs to be sent to PDG Merry at [swantonlions@gmail.com](mailto:swantonlions@gmail.com).

The evening will be the main event of the weekend. The Melvin Jones Banquet will again be a wonderful evening of food, speeches, awards and yes, more dancing. The meal for this evening will be a plated affair with delicious choices to choose from. This event will also mark the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of District Governor Debra and PCST Bruce, so be assured there will be more surprises throughout the evening.

And Sunday morning will close the weekend with the annual Memorial Service held after breakfast, beautifully orchestrated by PDGs Merry Sousa and Sharilee Juarie.

## Fundraising

During the weekend there will be an opportunity to purchase those last few tickets for the Money Tree raffle raising funds for VLC and the ever popular and successful basket raffle.

## Conclusion

The 2025 Lion's Spring Convention promises to be a weekend of fun and friendship, good food and good entertainment.

For more information and to register, check out the Communique or visit the District 45 website.



# Meal Package Pricing and Menu Options

An Overview of Our Culinary Delights

## Introduction

Here you will find the food options for the 2025 Lions Spring Convention. Take a look and find the meal package that will best suit your needs for the day or weekend. Enjoy!

## Meal Package Pricing

We offer several meal packages to suit your needs, whether you are dining solo, with a partner, for a day or the entire weekend. Our pricing is straightforward and transparent, ensuring you get the best value for your money.

### Meal Package Prices:

#### Option A \$125.00 per person

Includes:

Dinner Buffet and Dessert on Friday night

Saturday Lunch Buffet and Dessert

Saturday Night Plated Dinner and Dessert

Cash Bar on Friday and Saturday

All taxes and Service Charges included

#### Option B \$50.00 per person

Friday Night Dinner Buffet

Cash Bar

All taxed and Service Charges included

#### Option C \$25.00 per person

Lunch Buffet and Dessert on Saturday and Dessert

All taxes and Service Charges included

#### Option D \$60.00 per person

Plated dinner and Dessert on Saturday

Cash bar All Taxes and Service Charges included

## Menu Options

Our menus are designed to cater to a wide range of tastes and dietary requirements. Below are the detailed options available for main courses and desserts.

### Friday Dinner Buffet Menu

*Served with warm dinner rolls, whipped butter, coffee, tea and decaffeinated coffee*

### Salad Selections

Pasta Salad

Potato Salad



### Entrée Selections

Pork Marsala

Bakes Haddock w/ Herb Crumb Topping

### Starch

Rice Pilaf

### Dessert Garden

### **Lunch Buffet Options for Saturday**

Delicatessen platter with sliced Roast Beef, Ham, and Turkey

Fresh Sliced Tomato, Green Leaf Lettuce, Sliced Red Onion

Tuna Salad or Chicken Salad Potato chips, Relish Tray and Deli Pickles Spears

Cheddar Cheese and Swiss Cheese

Cole Slaw

Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee and Pitchers of Ices Tea and Lemonade

Cookies and Brownies

### **Plated Dinner Selections Saturday Evening**

Main Course Selections are Served with a Fresh Garden Salad, Basket of Warm Rolls, Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Potato Du Jour or Rice, Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee

### Dinner Selections you may choose from:

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Crabmeat Stuffed Sole

Stuffed with Ham and Swiss Cheese Served with a Newburg Sauce

Topped with a Creamy Cider Sauce

### Dessert

Cheesecake

### Special Dietary Options

We understand the importance of catering to various dietary needs and preferences. Our menu includes options for vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and other special diets.

Please note your dietary option on the registration form.

### **Conclusion**

We invite you to explore our meal packages and menu options designed to provide a memorable dining experience.

With these diverse offerings we hope to ensure that there is something for everyone to enjoy. Bon appétit!

# Convention Registration Form

## 2025 Lions District 45 Spring Convention

### Personal Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Convention Details

Date: May 30 – June 1

Registration and Payment Information

**Food orders must be in by Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

\*Please refer to the Meal Package Pricing and Menu Options sheet

I will be attending Friday evening ( )

Saturday ( )

Sunday AM ( )

\*Meals Choices: Option A ( )

Option B ( )

Option C ( )

Option D ( )

My choice for the Saturday Banquet is: Chicken Cordon Bleu ( )

Crabmeat Stuffed Sole ( )

I have the following Special Dietary requests:

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**Please send registration and payment to CST John Tiholiz at: 100 Maple Hill Rd., Thetford Center, VT 05075 by  
Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

For more information, please contact DG Deb Savery at: [tallships53@gmail.com](mailto:tallships53@gmail.com)  
or CST John Tiholiz at [jctiholiz@gmail.com](mailto:jctiholiz@gmail.com)



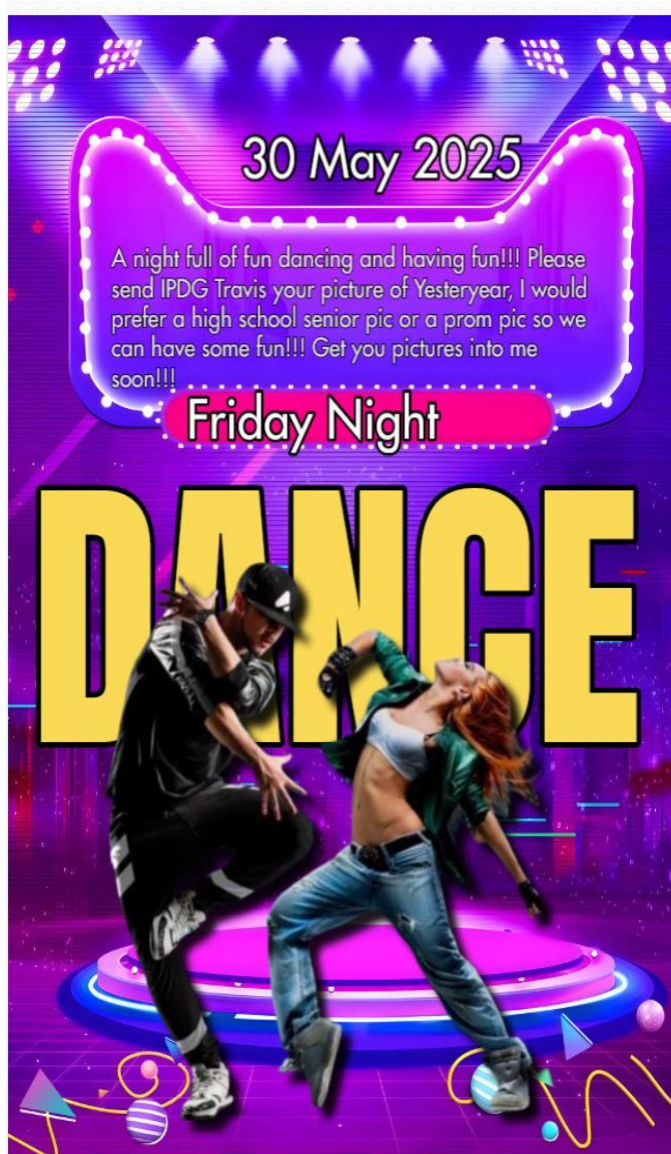
*Plan on joining us!  
Friday, May 30, Fireside Inn & Suites  
Get your dancing shoes on!*



## ***Dancing through the Decades!!!***

Come dressed as your favorite decade

The dancing will start after dinner



*Come dance the night away!*

***Hope to see everyone at the 2025 Spring  
Convention!***



# Kathy D For ID



***Calendar Ca\$h Raffle Month of May!!!!***

**Benefit PDG Kathy and her  
Candidacy for International Director**

**31 chances to win!!! (ALL PRIZES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

**Drawing to be held Saturday May 31, 2025**

**At District 45 Spring Convention**

**\$5 per ticket, 5 tickets - \$20**

				1 \$100 donated by PDG Betsy MaGee	2 \$50	3 Quart of Maple Syrup / Snowflake Chocolates - donated by Jericho-Underhill Lions Club
4 Perrywinkles Pearl Bracelet donated by Lion Melinda Umezaki	5 Basket of Vermont goodies donated by Lion Mackey Gaines	6 \$50	7 Beverage basket donated - Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$50
11 \$100	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 Beverage basket donated - Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club	15 2 hours IT Technical Support donated by Lion Briam Cummings	16 \$50	17 \$50 donated by PID Tom Broughton
18 Crate & Barrel Wine holder w/wines - Melinda Umezaki	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 Beverage basket donated - Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club	22 \$50	23 \$100 worth of various Gift Cards donated by Anonymous	24 \$50
25 Quart of Maple Syrup / Snowflake Chocolates donated by Jericho-Underhill Lions Club	26 \$100 donated by Windsor Lions Club	27 \$50	28 Beverage basket donated - Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club	29 \$50	30 \$100 Certificate toward telescope furniture donated by Granville Lions Club	31 \$500 donated by Vergennes Lions Club and Lion friends

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**RAFFLE to Benefit the Campaign for Lions International Director**

**Vermont Endorsed Candidate PDG Kathy Dorman**

**31 chances to win - MONTH OF MAY!!!**

**Prizes to be drawn at Spring Convention May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 1, 2025**

**Please mail tickets to PDG Ken Emery**

**146 Eagle Park Drive, Colchester Vt 05446**

**Mail deadline is May 23, 2025 / In-person deadline is Spring Convention!!!**



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