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HAPPY

The first six months of the 2014 – 2015 Lions year has been wonderful. Have met many Lions, family and friends and looking to meeting many more. Have travelled throughout the state, still seeing the ‘beauty’ of it and its residents.

The clubs of the district are working strong in

‘Strengthening the Pride’. So far in 2014 – 2015, (as reported to LCI) over 19,000 Lions hours of service have been provided, serving 21,000 individuals. 40 new members have been brought into the world of Lionism but we have lost 53 (not including club cancellations).

The annual Fall Conference was a great success. Just shy of 100 Lions attending the daytime activities and just shy of 200 Lions and friends the evening event. The LCIF Super Raffle raised over \$12,000 for LCIF. This will allow the District to present 12 Melvin Jones Fellows this year.

It is always sad to hear about the loss of a Lions (or a family member) passing away. Their enthusiasm for being Lion and their accomplishments will never be forgotten. In the first six months of the year, we have lost 14 including Past International Director Jules Cote who was a great leader, mentor and friend to many.

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I hope your club is working on / doing something special in the following areas:

- Honoring Melvin Jones, founder of Lions Clubs International?
- Hosting a special Food from the Heart event (or doing a food drive)?
- Hosting or participating in a Speak Out contest?
- Interested in holding a vision screening or diabetes testing?
- Bringing in new members
- Service / fund raising projects
- Providing great leadership at the District level
- Providing great leadership at the Club level.
- Continue to “Strengthening the Pride”.

If anyone has any concerns, questions or suggestions please don’t hesitate to contact myself, VDG Pam or your respective Zone Chair. We want to hear from you.

Looking forward to the coming months.

Saying such I want to provide my “Top 10 Wish List” for the coming year:

- 10: 100% Secretary’s reporting monthly membership and activities online.
- 9: 100% clubs adding at least one new member to their roster.
- 8: All Zones hosting zone meetings with great attendance from clubs.
- 7: Continued growth in attendance at cabinet meetings/Spring Convention.
- 6: For VDG Pam, all cabinet positions filled with new and veteran leaders.
- 5: PU-101’s reported to LCI and District leadership as required.
- 4: All Vision Screening equipment sets being used throughout the District
- 3: New Clubs to the District especially Burlington, Morrisville, Grand Isle.
- 2: 2nd Vice District Governor candidate for 2015- 2016.
- 1: 1st Vice District Governor candidate for 2015-2016

Yours in Lionism.

DG Ken

LCIF SUPER RAFFLE NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

To all clubs that purchased a ticket for the November Super Raffle: For each ticket the club purchased, they may make a nomination for an individual, Lion or non-Lion, to receive a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Deadline is Saturday, January 16th. Please send to PID Tom Broughton at: tbrought@middlebury.edu



District 45 Calendar

January 2015	
10 - 16	Worldwide Week of Service – Celebrating Melvin Jones Birthday
13	Melvin Jones Birthday!
16	LCIF Super Raffle Melvin Jones Nominations Deadline. Contact PID Tom Broughton at: tbrought@middlebury.edu .
17	January Cabinet Meeting –Hotel Coolidge in White River Junction, early registration ends January 10 th . See insert for more details. Contact is lionloreen2007@gmail.com .
February 2015	
8 - 14	Food From the Heart Events
14	Food From the Heart Food Drive
15	Heartland Lions Club Annual Valentine Dinner Dance – for tickets and information call Lion Carol Greene at 802.291.3750 or Lion Walter Hastings at 802.356.5203. All are entered for a chance to win \$1500 travel voucher. Lots of prizes!



Colchester King Lion Scott Hinman selling Christmas Trees



Lion Dave LaRose ringing the bell for the Salvation Army



On 12-13-14, the **Readsboro Lions** and many volunteers hosted the 36th annual Christmas dinner for local Seniors. Entertainers Tom Leonesio, Mary Rosasco & Ed Moranti provided music of the season & Mr & Mrs Claus & family distributed gifts to all.



“Green to Checkers” Project Campaign

District Governor Ken is asking each club to **develop a new project** for the coming year.

It is hoped that a new project will help reinvigorate existing members but also provide excitement to the new members who are joining our clubs. This project can be a service or a fund raising project for the local community. BUT it can also be a project for the club itself.

Each club that develops a new project will receive 500 points for No. 1 club if the following criteria are reported to both District Governor AND Cabinet Secretary:

- 1). Identify details of a proposed project:
- 2). Determine Lions to chair / lead the project.
- 3). Explain how the project was developed: How? Why? When? Where?
- 4). Do the actual project.
- 5). Provide details on how and whom the project helped or if a fund raising project, how much funds were raised and for what purpose.
- 6). Provide detail on how many Lions worked on project, including how many hours of ‘service’ was provided.
- 7). Provide a summary on how this project helped the club and its membership.

*** Bonus points will be awarded for each **NEW LION** that participated in the project. For each **NEW LION** identified and their role, extra 100 points per **NEW LION** will be awarded for the No. 1 club contest.

There also will be prizes award at the Spring Convention for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place projects as reviewed by a panel of judges assigned by District Governor Ken.



The Heartland Lions Club had their Annual Memory Tree at Five Olde Tavern and Grille in South Royalton. As you can see the tree is decorated with bells and names of loved ones, for a fee. The club was also saddened with the passing of Lion Dana Goodnow, Lion Dana was a member of the Heartland Lions Club for 25 years and just awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in November. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Chucky the Traveling Lion has been with the Heartland Lions Club and is up for adoption on Monday, 5 January 2015.



Heartland Lion's Club

Serving Royalton, Sharon, and Tunbridge



Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance: February 15, 2014
Everyone entered for a chance to win \$1500 travel voucher plus other fabulous prizes!

For tickets & information
Lion Carol Greene 802-291-3750
Lion Walter Hastings 802-356-5203



Orleans Lions Club – Busy Holiday Season!!



The Orleans Lions Club auction to benefit the **Warm the Children** program (part of the club's Christmas party festivities) was a great success. There were 36 Lions and guests attending, with a special visit from DG Ken who even got into the bidding. The club raised \$1,100.00 for this very needy cause. A good time was had by all, and it was truly a special treat to have DG Ken join us. Pictured is Club President John Bruneau on the left, DG Ken center, and Lion Secretary David Bolduc on the right. District Governor Ken is seen holding the gift he purchased.



The **Orleans Lions Club Annual Children's Christmas Variety Show** with Santa. Approximately 130 children attended, with close to 200 people in all. Lots of fun, milk, ice cream, cookies, and a free gift for all the kids that attended.

Submitted by Lion Secretary David Bolduc, Orleans Lions Club

Traveling Lions

Traveling Lion information is provided by Traveling Lion Chair Sandra Brutkoski



The District Lion, Lucky will be available at the American Legion in Readsboro on January 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm. The cost for dinner is \$10. Contact Anna Bolognani by email at rebolibrary@hotmail.com or by phone at 802-423-5613.

Region 1, Tucky, is at The Essex Inn on January 28, 2015. Social hour is at 6 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost of the buffet dinner is \$20, including tax and tip. Contact Betsy McGee at Lion Betsy2000@yahoo.com or at 802-878-9845.

Region 2, The General, is available in Bennington on February 10, 2015 at 6 pm at the Mt. Anthony Country Club. Cost for the dinner is \$18. Contact Kathy Gallett at 802--442-4033 or by email at kathy@bowfamily.com.

Region 3, Chucky, is at the Heartland Lions Club. Traveling Lions are invited to South Royalton School at 6:30 pm on January 5, 2015. The club meetings are at the South Royalton School. For more information, contact Bill Ballou at 802-763-7106 or by email at cballou@hotmail.com

Region 4, Bucky, is with the St. Johnsbury Lions. They invite Region 4 Lions to their meeting on January 6, 2015 at Grace UMC, 35 Central Street, St Johnsbury at 6 pm. This is not a dinner meeting. Contact is Patricia Johnston-McWilliams at 802-2743543 or by email at PatrickMcWilliams09@gmail.com.

It is recommended to call at least 3 days before the event. Hope you enjoy the company of your fellow lions in your travels in 2015.

Report to Sandy Brutkoski at brutkosk@middlebury.edu or by phone, 779-2486. If reported in 48 hours, there is a 200 point bonus. Contact Lion Sandy Brutkoski with any questions.

District - Lucky

Springfield	1016
Colchester	444
Brandon – Forest Dale	200
Pittsford	64
Jericho Underhill	50
Williston	20

Region 1- Tucky

Essex	690
Colchester	29
Williston	24
Jericho – Underhill	18

Region 2 – The General

Brandon – Forest Dale	548
Bennington	295
Pittsford	226

Region 3 - Chucky

Heartland	861
Springfield	478
Strafford	505
Norwich	225

Region 4 - Bucky

Orleans	200
Barre	112
St. Johnsbury	105



Does anyone recognize this photo, either the location, individuals, year? Please come to the January Cabinet Meeting to celebrate 60 years of Vermont Lions District 45. See various items through the years. Any historical items, including scrapbooks, photos, programs, would be welcome for all to see.
Thank You! DG Ken Emery

The Whitingham-Halifax Lions orders pallets of selected food staples from the Vermont Food Bank, so we can really stretch the \$10K Lion's Holiday Baskets budget, most of which is funded by the bike ride, our Hungry Lion Bike Tour (written up in the Lions Magazine this fall). TransCanada always helps with a large contribution. A local farmer contributed LOTS of root vegetables this year. And we also buy frozen meats (turkeys, etc).

Food is chosen to favor nutrition, long term storage, tailored to specific needs (diabetics etc) and based upon the needs of the number of adults and children in the family. We like to think we "fill the cupboards " of those most in need.

The photo shows setup of our ecological reusable grocery bags in our new venue: the gymnasium at the old high school in Wilmington Vermont. (We've outgrown the two car garage, the contractor's garage, & last year, a large welding shop's facility.) Lion Joanne Fowler showed up to pack the bags on Friday night and, upon seeing the layout, was overcome by the apparent need, how that need might affect recipient families, and our ability to reach out and make a difference in those recipient's lives.

Food insecurity is a big deal. Especially in Vermont, which was recently rated "the hungriest state" in the USA. I think we are making a difference. And, bringing other service clubs - and now teenagers - on board probably helps with awareness, and participation in the act of combating the problem.





**60 Years of Service Celebration
3rd Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, January 17, 2015
Hotel Coolidge
39 South Main Street
White River Jct., Vermont
Schedule of Events (subject to change)**

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To be announced

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GLT Coordinator

DG Kenneth Emery

GMT Coordinator

IPDG Tommy Walz

Zone Chairs

Zone 1a – George Bilodeau
Zone 1b – Carmelita Belisle
Zone 2ab – Shanon Atkins
Zone 2c – Kathy Gallett
Zone 3ab – Walter Hastings
Zone 3bc – Anna Bolognani
Joe Wilson
Zone 4 – Rick Theken

8:00 .am.-..... Registration

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Promotional Row

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Fundraising: Silent Auction (items welcomed), 200 Club, 50/50

8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Vermont Lions Charities

9:30 a.m. Cabinet meeting called to order

9:40 a.m.-10:40 a.m. Work Session # 1: Honorary
Officer Roundtable
Membership Training
New Member Orientation
Projects – Service Roundtable
Tail Twisting School

10:55 a.m.-11:55 a.m. Work Session #2: Vision Screening Equipment
Membership Training
General Roundtable
Leadership
Publicity
Projects – Fundraiser Roundtable

12:10 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Guest Speaker – Bob Anderson –
Vermont Lions District 45 Historian Expert

1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. Cabinet Meeting

4:00 p.m. G.M.T./G.L.T./Zone Chair



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Registration Costs: \$20 per person (by 1/10/15)
\$25 at the door (after 1/10/15)

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(Lunch menu: Green Salad, Beef Stew and Biscuits,
Chili Grande and Cornbread, Pasta Alfredo Casserole with
Chicken and Broccoli,, Coffee, Tea, Punch and Soda, Dessert)
Please note- no breakfast will be available other than coffee

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Club Position: _____

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Registration: \$___ p.p. x _____ (number attending) \$_____ (total)

Please not any special dietary needs: _____

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Please make check payable to Vermont District 45. Send
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Deadline for \$20 registration fee
(by mail, by phone or by e-mail), January 10, 2015)

GMT Coordinator

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Registration after January 10 to day of event \$25.

Zone Chairs

Rooms are available for \$89 (single), \$99 (double) – Queen
\$99 (single), \$109 (double) - King
Make reservations directly (no online deals)
with Hotel Coolidge 802-295-3118.

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Wanted:
Photos, Articles, and Information from
District 45 Lions Clubs!

Did you snap a picture at a recent event or meeting?
Share with the District!

Are you leading a committee or project? Send a notice and/or
follow-up for the Communiqué!

If you are sending out a press release, copy the
Communiqué editor. Anyone can submit club information
and we want to see more of ALL the clubs!!

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" New form of King Lion and Club Secretary working together ".
King Lion Patricia, Lion Sally - St. Johnsbury Area Lions Club ~ Fall
Conference, November 2014.

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