



# The Communique

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Fellow Lions,

Amazing as it seems, 2019 has arrived. Happy New Year wishes to you all. Congratulations on the giving away of 10,000 meals to Vermonters in need! Also, nearly 22,000 Children screened for vision difficulties so far this year. There is something to celebrate. We are turning around people’s lives every day!!

I want to talk about some resolutions that I know we can keep – together – as the strong Lions of D45. To start, I would like you to look back and remember all the wonderful experiences that have happened, friends we have met and people’s smiles and eyes that said ‘Thank You’, the neighbors you have helped and the people who come to us because they know we are Lions and Lions are always there. Let’s share that experience!

Next let’s look at how we can ensure that this great work continues and get others to join us – becoming Lions and making a difference in a world that **needs us more each day.....**

- Remember your friend who has just retired and is looking for a way to continue to make a contribution in the community by using their skills and their passions.....

**ASK THEM TO BE LIONS**

- Find new people who have just moved into your area and want to get to know their neighbors.....

**ASK THEM TO BE LIONS**

- Connect with a group of neighbors who already share a passion (supporting Special Olympics, work with Veterans, children who are in care, etc).....

**ASK THEM TO BE LIONS**

- Make contact with a local High School or College who has students who want to do community service and make a difference.....

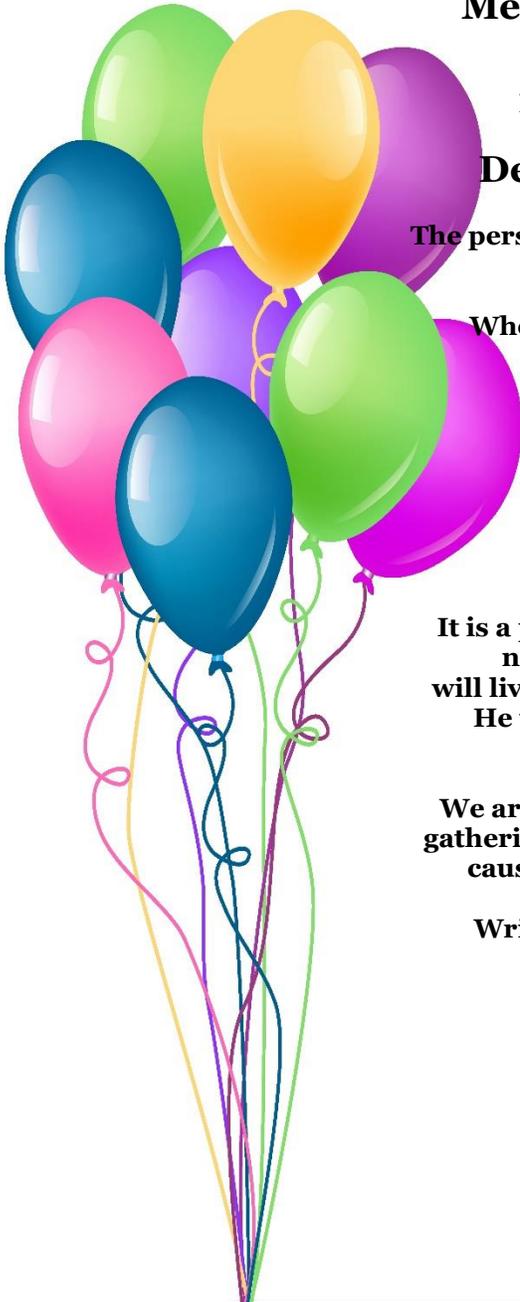
**ASK THEM TO BE LEOS / LIONS**

Already 18 clubs across the State have added 1 or more new members. It can be done! New members bring new ideas of what is needed, new passions, new strengths, a new vision of the future **AND NEW MEMBERS BRING MORE NEW MEMBERS** and adds to our ability to do more service.

We are holding our own at the moment, as far as numbers go, but I know we can do better. Talk among yourselves at your Club with your Membership Chair, ask for help from neighboring Clubs who have had some success at finding new members and also contact your Zone Chair, planning joint events and supporting each other. Tell the world about your successes through the My Lion app, Communique, newspaper reports, local TV, free newspapers and please tell LCI .

TOGETHER We Serve,

*DG Liz*



**Happy Birthday to  
Melvin Jones on January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Taken from the diary of our first  
President of LCI: William Woods

**Definition of a True Lion**

**The person who is clean inside and outside –  
Who neither looks up to the  
rich or down to the poor  
Who can lose without squealing and  
win without bragging  
Who is considerate to his  
brother and  
assist him in his  
struggle for success  
Who is too brave to lie,  
too generous to cheat and  
too sensible to loaf.**

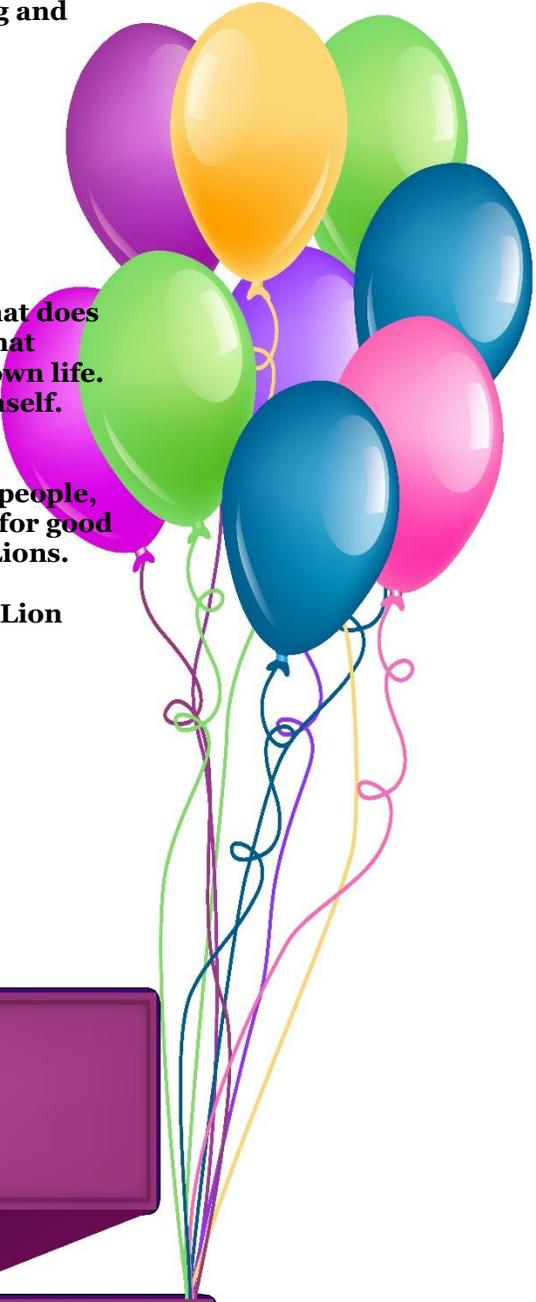
**It is a poor species of humanity that does  
not desire to do some good that  
will live beyond the limits of this own life.  
He that helps others, helps himself.**

**We are not just another group of people,  
gathering together to raise money for good  
causes, we are more – We are Lions.**

**Write your own definition of a Lion  
by what you do every day.**

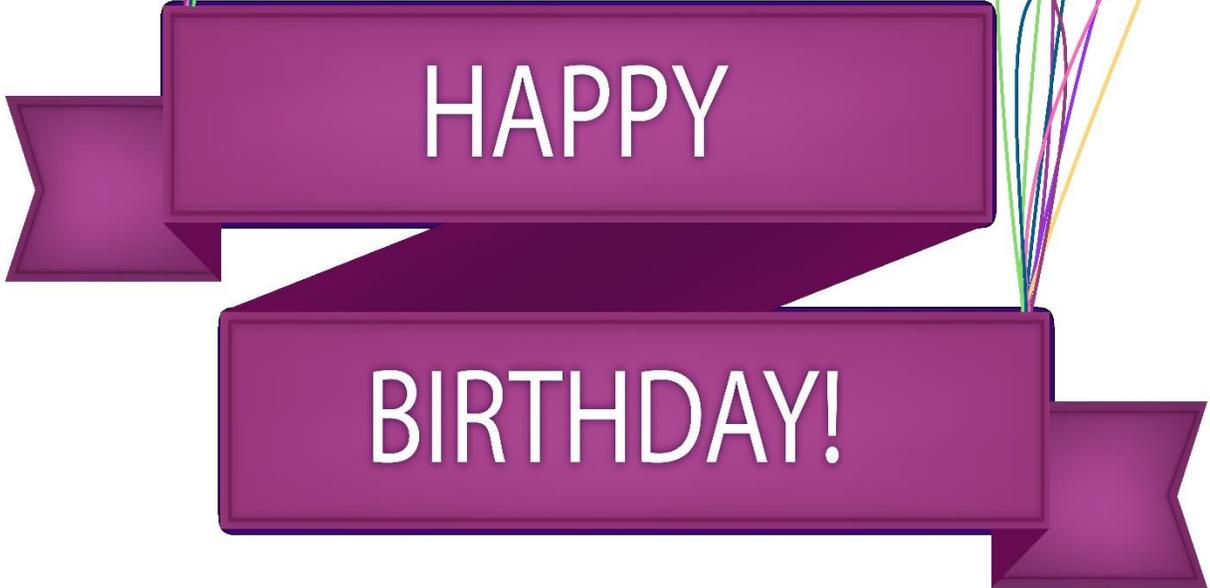
**Together We Serve**

**DG Liz**



**HAPPY**

**BIRTHDAY!**



## District 45 Calendar and Events

1/13/1879	Melvin Jones Birthday
1/15/2019	Capture Traveling Lion Region 2 & District Lion, <a href="#">Brandon-Forestdale</a>
1/18-01/2019	NELC <a href="#">Winter</a> Weekend Conference, Warwick, Rhode Island
1/28/2019	Traveling Lion <a href="#">Jericho-Underhill</a>
2/2019	Food from the Heart
2/9/2019	Guiding Lions Training, Concord, NH, with District 44N
2/9/2019	Valentines Dinner & <a href="#">Dance</a> , Heartland Lions
3/2/2019	Calcutta – benefit the <a href="#">Green</a> Mountain Lions Camp
3/9/2019	41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Lions Day at the <a href="#">United Nations</a>
3/12/2019	Lions at the <a href="#">State House</a> , Montpelier
3/16/2019	D45 Cabinet Meeting, Middlebury – Speak Out Contest
5/2-5/4/2019	D45 Spring Conference 2019, Rutland
7/7-7/27/2019	Green Mountain Lions Camp
	<b>Don't see your club's activity listed?</b> Email it to the <a href="#">Communique!</a>

***Editor's note:*** Reminder all submission for the Communique must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, with the 15<sup>th</sup> being the publish date. Submissions after the 10<sup>th</sup> cannot be guaranteed to make it in. Please be sure to email it to [Communique](#).





Hello, fellow District 45 Lions,

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. And the new year has started off right. It appears that Mother Nature has finally decided to have winter weather at the right time of the year.

As you are reading this as part of the January 2019 communique, another successful cabinet meeting as part of DG Liz's year has been completed. And another successful service project, the preparation of 10,000 macaroni and cheese meals have been completed and are on their way to be delivered to local food banks or to the Vermont Food Bank.

We are doing great things here in District 45. Membership is up. Many service activities are being completed. Our 'visionaries' are out in the District screening our youth. Keep up the good work!!!!

One thing I do need help from everyone is making sure our own personal contact information is correct with Lions Club International. I would like all members to work with their club secretary's (and our club secretaries to work with our membership) to make sure the following information is correct:

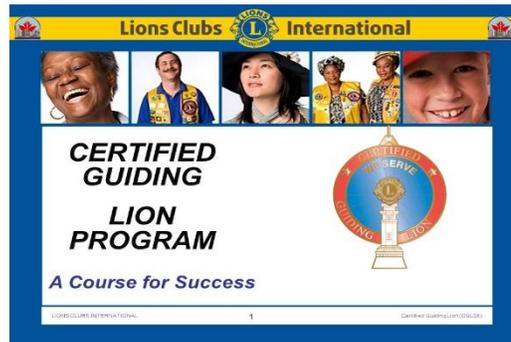
**Mailing address, main contact number (home or cell), email addresses.**

This information is very important to be correct as 1) Lions Club International mails out Lions Magazine every 3 months but emails out Lions Quarterly newsletters; 2) our District 45 communique is sent out to all of our members via email and 3) there is 'snail' mail that is sent out to membership at various times through the year. And of course, correct phone numbers are always needed when phone calls are needed to be made.

So please, make sure your information is updated. Myself and other fellow Lions appreciate such.

Looking forward to 2019.  
In Lionism,  
VDG Ken

## Guiding Lion Training is Coming...



District 44N will be holding a Guiding Lion Training on Saturday, February 9, 8 am at Delta Dental Concord, NH

Once trained, you may consider becoming a Guiding Lion to a club near you. There are clubs that could use a little extra help.

Being a Guiding Lion offers Lions the opportunity to step outside of their own clubs and meet, work and have fun with other dedicated Lions who could benefit from your Lions Pride and Knowledge. Your work could make a club stronger.

Stronger clubs = a larger impact for our communities

This training will provide you with valuable information on how to:

- Strengthen and grow any club
- Help with conflict resolution
- Make meetings more fun and exciting
- Have better service projects

Please consider attending the Guiding Lion Training. Whether you want to assist another club or use the training to make your club even better. The more Guiding Lions we have, the more it helps our District and our communities.

For more information or to sign up please contact PCC Christine Greenwood ([cgreenwood@walpolebank.com](mailto:cgreenwood@walpolebank.com)) or PDG Eric Lindberg ([ericlindberg@me.com](mailto:ericlindberg@me.com))

We look forward to seeing you then!



REMINDER TO ALL THOSE WHO BOUGHT TICKETS

To all Lions Club and individual Lions who purchased tickets to the LCIF Super Raffle.

For each ticket that a club or individual Lion purchase, they may make a nomination for a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Nominations may be a Lion of their own club, a Lion from another club OR an individual (non-Lion) from their local community.

Nominations (must be in writing – emails acceptable) to a member of the LCIF Super Raffle Committee.

DEADLINE: January 31, 2019

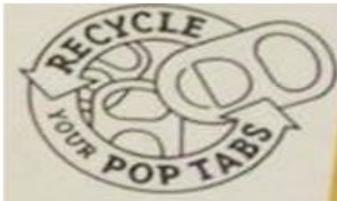
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2018 District 45 LCIF Super Raffle Co-Chairs:

VDG Ken Emery – 802-578-7483 – kpemery1960@gmail.com

PDG Betsy MaGee – 802-578-5188 - lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com

Committee Members: PID Tom Broughton (Middlebury), PDG Joe Wilson (Springfield), PDG Tommy Walz (Barre), Lion Carmelita Belisle (Colchester), Lion Jay Niles (Granville), Lion Phylis Porio (NorShaft).



## Donate your pull tabs



### Fun Facts

1 pop tab = 1 inch long  
1,280 tabs = 1 pound  
63,360 pop tabs = 1 mile



**Please bring tabs to the next cabinet meeting in March.  
This will be your last chance to be included in the pull tab  
contest.**

**Something so little can mean so much!**

|  
**Lion Loreen Teer**

**Lion Cindy Berg**

**Zone meeting, 2AB - December 11, 2018**



**West Main Grille - Granville, N.Y.**

**Zone 2AB conducted their 2nd Zone meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the West Main Grille in Granville, N.Y.. The Granville Lions were host for the evening and twenty-four Lions attended the gathering; Lions representing the Brandon-Forestdale, Castleton, Granville, Pittsford and Vergennes clubs.**

**The meeting followed a wonderful dinner and meeting of the Granville Lions. Up-dates relating Zone 2AB goals were provided by Lions Paul Bessette & Kathy Dorman(Food from the Heart), Lion Fred Pockette(vision screening) & PDG Stan(pediatric cancer). An up-date on "speak out" was provided by Lion Kathy Dorman).**

**The remainder of our meeting was in the area of membership growth and retention.**

**Specific areas covered:**

- . Portrait of a Lion, "who do you know that fits this picture?"**
- . Ice breaker exercise; Why do we need new Lions and why do we need to retain our current members?**
- . Benefits of being a Lion & responsibilities of membership**
  - . Conducted a membership recruitment & retention idea exchange**
- . Strategies & resources for increasing membership**
  - . Membership program handouts via LCI**
  - . The elements of a successful recruitment program & the**
  - . Challenge for membership growth, "sharing the excitement."**

**Discussed the date & location of our final Zone meeting; currently scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019.**

**Respectfully submitted;**

**Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG**

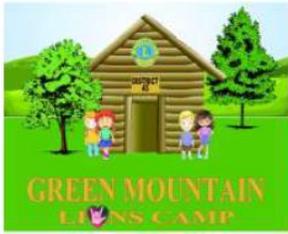
**Zone chair, 2AB**



**D45 Vision Screening Results**  
**Nearly 22,000 Children Screened**  
**So Far this Academic Year**  
**July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Vision Screening Days/Sites</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Number of Referrals</b>	<b>Number of Adults</b>
Arlington/Bennington/ NorShaft	25	2,155	205	14
Barre	26	3,318	325	32
Brandon Forest Dale Brattleboro				
Castleton	28	2,609	253	36
Colchester/Essex	7	1,062	70	5
Enosberg	8	1,610	153	
Granville Georgia Heartland				
Jericho-Underhill	2	111	7	
Londonderry Area Manchester	7	578	14	
Middlebury/Vergennes	32	5,583	562	
Norwich	2	296	116	
Orleans	10	708	58	6
Readsboro Richford	4	636	74	
Springfield	20	2,734	279	57
Troy & Area	4	292	30	7
Whitingham-Halifax	2	118	10	8
Windsor Williston	2	148	16	
Zone 1 A / Zone 1B	1	34	5	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>21,992</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>165</b>

If your Club's screening has not been reported here, please contact Phylis Porio at [vtlionphylis@gmail.com](mailto:vtlionphylis@gmail.com)



## REGION 1 CALCUTTA

\*\*\*\$1,000 GRAND PRIZE\*\*\*

SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2019

5 P.M. SOCIAL  
6 P.M. DINNER  
7 P.M. CALCUTTA

VFW POST # 6689  
73 PEARL ST. ESSEX JCT. VT

ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD  
INCLUDING HAM DINNER \$35 PER TICKET (ONLY 75 WITH MEAL)  
NO MEAL - \$25 PER TICKET

FOR TICKETS CALL PDG BETSY AT 578-8188  
OR PCT LOREEN AT 899-1363

The Green Mountain Lions Camp is a camp that Vermont Lions District 45 host for children who are deaf or hard of hearing welcoming their siblings and friends (even if not deaf or hearing impaired). This camp allows these children the ability to enjoy the pleasures of a summer camp, providing unique opportunities for them to participate in activities which might not be otherwise available for them. Vermont Lions District 45 make sure to have barbecues, picnics, excursions and other summertime enjoyments available for them.

Again, this year's camp will be held at our new location, Covenant Hills Christian Camp, located just off Route 2 in Cabot. At this location, the children will enjoy hiking trails, fields to play on, a barn for indoor activities, a craft cabin, waterfront swimming and boating and much, much more. Memories are to be made and forever friendships are formed. It is hoped that the camp will remain at this same location for many, many years.

Region 1 Lions Clubs (Colchester, Enosburg, Essex Jct., Georgia,

Jericho - Underhill, Richford, Swanton-Mississquoi, Williston)

VT Lions D45 Region 1 Voucher G M L C Calcutta

**March 2, 2019 7:00 P.M. VFW, Pearl St. Essex Jct.**

Social 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Calcutta 7:00 p.m.

Maximum 200 tickets sold - Attendance not required to win

Donation: With Meal \$35 per ticket, only 75 to be sold

No meals \$25 per ticket, 125 tickets to be sold



**GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000**



Vouchers will be assigned a number (attending / non-attending)  
Deadline to purchase tickets with meal / to attend: February 23, 2019  
Deadline to purchase non-attending tickets: 6:00 p.m. March 2

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: Meal / Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ No meal / Non-Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate name of person attending IF NOT ticket owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail voucher (indicate attending / non-attending) and money (check payable to Vermont Lions

District 45 to: PDG Betsy MaGee, 7 South Summit St., Essex Jct. VT 05452

OR PCT Loreen Teer, 2B Rabbit Run, Underhill VT 05489

For more information please call PDG Betsy at (802)578-8188 or PCT Loreen at (802) 899-1363



Vermont Lions Charities presents



## **THE FEBRUARY 2019 CASH-FEST**

- 28 Chances to Win – Each ticket is entered into every day's drawing.
- Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.00.
- Total cash payout \$1500.00

### **Rules**

- You need not be present to Win.
- Drawing to be held March 16, 2019 (March Cabinet Meeting).
- Prizes to be mailed to winners about March 16th, 2019.
- Please return all “sold” tickets to a VLC Board Member by noon on March 16th, 2019 or mail to Lion Woody Stoddard, 163 Whitney Road, Springfield, VT 05156 no later than March 6, 2019.

# February 2019 Cash Fest

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					\$100 <sup>1</sup>	\$50 <sup>2</sup>
\$100 <sup>3</sup>	\$25 <sup>4</sup>	\$25 <sup>5</sup>	\$50 <sup>6</sup>	\$25 <sup>7</sup>	\$25 <sup>8</sup>	\$50 <sup>9</sup>
\$75 <sup>10</sup>	\$25 <sup>11</sup>	\$25 <sup>12</sup>	\$50 <sup>13</sup>	\$200 <sup>14</sup>	\$25 <sup>15</sup>	\$50 <sup>16</sup>
\$100 <sup>17</sup>	\$25 <sup>18</sup>	\$25 <sup>19</sup>	\$50 <sup>20</sup>	\$25 <sup>21</sup>	\$25 <sup>22</sup>	\$50 <sup>23</sup>
\$100 <sup>24</sup>	\$25 <sup>25</sup>	\$25 <sup>26</sup>	\$50 <sup>27</sup>	\$100 <sup>28</sup>	DRAWING TO BE HELD MARCH 16, 2019 Raffle Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$20	

## Club News



### Springfield Lions Served Christmas Dinner at the Nolan Murray Center



**Some pictures from the Winter Cabinet Meeting, held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Canadian Club, Barre, Vermont**





### **New Voices Team**

**Lion Greene, Marketing; Lion Jackie Dutil, Membership**

**Lion Betsy MaGee, Leadership; Lion Phyllis Porio & Lion Molly Celani, Service**



**Londonderry Area Tri-Mtn Lions** donate \$200.00 to local student Olav Pajala for his tuition for STEM Camp at Babson College in Wellesley Ma. this summer.

Floodbrook 6<sup>th</sup> grade student gave a presentation to the local Lions Club describing his past experience and what he is looking forward to at this summer's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Camp. When a student is accepted they are responsible for the tuition, his goal is to earn \$200.00 per month. He has been baking and selling Star Wars cookies and reaching out to friends and relatives to reach his goal.

Tri-Mtn Lions donated \$200.00.

The following is a description of the camp Olav will be attending. Explore the Frontiers of Science and Technology with a Mission to Mars

NYLF Explore STEM is a unique learning experience for bright, forward-thinking middle school students who will evolve into our next generation of innovators, engineers, doctors, forensic scientists, mathematicians, and physicists.

During this six-day immersive experience, students learn by doing as they take part in hands-on simulations, workshops, and competitions, while making new friends and having unforgettable adventures as they plan for a "Mission to Mars." Few fields are more important to the future of mankind than STEM—science, technology, engineering, and math—and few show as much promise for future career opportunities. Virtually all career fields today require a solid foundation of STEM, and that's precisely why these are the fastest growing areas of study—and the reason that STEM professionals are in the highest demand throughout the world.



THE BENNINGTON LIONS CLUB  
 SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF  
*BENNINGTON, POWNAL AND WOODFORD*  
 THE LIONS PEN  
 JANUARY 2019



**HAPPY ROARING LIONS NEW YEAR!!!** Hope you have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

When the Ball dropped were you roaring



or snoring?



**JANUARY DINNER MEETING** will be held on Tuesday, January 8 starting at 6:30PM. The meal choices are cheese ravioli or chefs salad. Our District Governor cannot make this meeting due to a family health situation. The January Board meeting will be part of the meeting.



*WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA*



**Lion Bill Wolfe** took part in the Wreaths Across America project and placed a Wreath in honor of the Merchant Marines. Thank you Lion Bill for your service.



**CHRISTMAS PROJECT** The Bennington Lions made donations to the activity funds of the Elms Community Care Home, Bennington Health and Rehab, CLR and the Veterans Home. The Ukulele String Ensemble played Christmas Carols and Songs at The Elms and at the Bennington Health and Rehab.



**BENNINGTON LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND THE HEARING HANDICAPPED** Thank you Lion Patty and your committee of merry Elves for doing a great job with the Party. Mr. and Mrs. Claus, aka Frank and Marie Small were wonderful and we also thank the Aladdins and a few members of the Ukulele String Ensemble for helping make this party a success. We had over 30 Guests attend this year. We Lions should be proud of the fact that this project is over 60 years old.



*Lion Henry A. P. Simpatico, Bulletin Editor*



## MyLion Action Plan for Lions Clubs Leaders

Changing the world just got easier with MyLion, the free mobile app that helps Lions connect at the club level and beyond. As a club or district leader, Lions Clubs International is relying on you to start using the MyLion mobile app and inspire other members to do the same.

Please follow the Action Plan outlined below, using the resources provided in our online toolkit.

### 1 Download MyLion at MyLion.org.

Once it's on your smartphone or tablet, you'll see how MyLion can make your role as an officer easier, from reaching your entire membership instantly to sharing your successes around the world.

### 2 Create your personal profile and upload a club picture.

It's easy! All you need is a photo and short bio. Just follow the instructions in the app, or link to these blog posts for extra help:

- [The Power of the Profile](#)
- [How can I edit my Club's MyLion profile?](#)

### 3 Verify MyLCI contact information.

Make sure all member email addresses, phone numbers, and street addresses are up to date.

### 4 Designate a MyLion advocate.

Put someone in charge of making sure all your members download and use MyLion. This person doesn't need technical expertise, just a general knowledge about MyLion and how to download it on a compatible smartphone or tablet.

### 5 Start telling your members to use the app.

Make it even easier for them by providing them with their Member ID, which is required for registration as a member. You can also sign in as a guest.

### 6 Call a special MyLion meeting.

Get everyone in your club together to download MyLion and walk through all its features. To download, be sure your meeting space has WiFi so you can connect to the Internet. We've put together everything you need in our MyLion Leader Toolkit:

- [Sample email invitations and social media posts](#)
- A MyLion [overview PowerPoint](#).
- MyLion [training materials](#)
- A printable [QuickStart Guide](#) you can give to each club member

#### You can also add a fun incentive for members who come to your meeting and download and register on MyLion.

Choose from a wide selection of promotional items, such as T-shirts, phone chargers, selfie sticks, and Popsocket phone holders.

[ORDER NOW!](#)

And finally, if your club is located in the U.S. and Canada, MyLion Support staff may be available to virtually attend your MyLion meeting to help guide the registration process and answer any questions. To make arrangements, please contact MyLion Support at [mylion@lionsclubs.org](mailto:mylion@lionsclubs.org) or call 630 468 7000 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. CST.

Thank you so much for your advocacy on behalf of MyLion. If you have any questions, please email MyLion Support at [mylion@lionsclubs.org](mailto:mylion@lionsclubs.org).