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## A Message from District Governor Walter Hastings

Dear Lions,

I would like to start by saying I have enjoyed my club visits and look forward to continuing them in the coming months.

In January, we met at the Canadian Club in Barre, Vermont for our winter cabinet meeting. Our guest speaker, Eileen Nooney from Capstone Community Action Barre, Vermont shared about their agency. Much of the work they are doing is very similar to that of what Lions are doing. They work with people/families to help them create a better life and ensure everyone has a home and enough food to eat. Poverty is never simple; their agency is there to help solve situations, whether fuel, food or housing. We also took time to celebrate the birthday of Melvin Jones.

I'm also pleased to report that Green Mountain Lions Camp will be taking place this year, thanks to efforts of everyone to make this happen. Lion Brian Steckley (Bennington) was pleased to report that there will be three (3) co-chairs. Last year they had 46 campers and have room for 100. Now we need to recruit, a brochure is in place, has been printed and now needs to be distributed. Financials are strong and your support is greatly appreciated. Please remember camp is not just for deaf children, there could also be a sibling that is welcome to attend. How can you make GMLC an experience for our young people?

In February: District 45 Lions received a \$10,000 grant from LCIF toward relief assistance to those in Swanton. Many thanks to PID Tom Broughton along with PDG Merry Sousa and PDG Sherry Lee Juairé, CT Brenda Seitz for their participation in this effort. We also raised another \$6,000 in donations to help with their efforts. In case you did not see the WCAX Channel 3 coverage there is a clip our website [www.vermontlions.org](http://www.vermontlions.org).

The Food from the Heart campaign was a success with monetary and donations received for local food shelves. Many thanks to those clubs that took part in this campaign, no donation is too small!

Our March 2018 cabinet meeting was held on Saturday, March 10 in Chester, Vermont at the American Legion with the annual speak out contest, as well as to news from the clubs, a GMLC update and spring convention planning.

In closing, I would like to say, "thank you" for all that you do. Whenever a Lion's club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get stronger.

DG Walter

## District 45 Calendar and Events

3/25	<a href="#">44th Annual Twin State Soccer - Players Kick Off Banquet</a>
4/3	<a href="#">Region 3 Traveling Lion (Sir Charles) is available for capture at the Norwich Lions Club</a>
4/4	<a href="#">Region 1 Traveling Lion (Tucky) is available for capture at Colchester Lions</a>
4/27 - 4/29	<a href="#">Georgia Lions Food Trailer at the VT Maple Festival</a>
5/4	<a href="#">Arbor Day</a>
5/4 - 5/6	<a href="#">D45 Spring Convention</a>
	5/4 6:00pm D45 Dinner Buffet
	5/5 9:30am D45 Cabinet Meeting
	5/5 - Noon Melvin Jones Luncheon
	5/5 2:30pm Vermont Lions Derby Poker Walk
	5/5 7:00pm D45 Dinner Banquet
5/6	5/6 7:30am D45 Memorial Service
5/6	<a href="#">Middlebury Maple Run (Breakfast by Middlebury Lions)</a>
5/18 - 5/20	<a href="#">New England Lions Council Spring Weekend</a>
5/24	<a href="#">VABVI's 29th Annual Dinner &amp; Auction</a>
5/28	Memorial Day Parades
5/31 - 6/3	<a href="#">Vermont Dairy Festival</a>
6/2 - 6/3	<a href="#">Special Olympics Vermont Summer Games</a>
6/9	<a href="#">Work Day at Green Mountain Lions Camp</a>
6/16	Training session for all new club and district officers - Vergennes
6/22 - 6/23	<a href="#">SLAM T1D 8th Annual Vermont Summer Classic</a>
6/27	Helen Keller Day
6/29 - 7/3	<a href="#">101st Lions Clubs International Convention: Las Vegas, NV</a>
7/1 - 7/13	<a href="#">Green Mountain Lions Camp - Teen Session</a>
7/4	Independence Day Parades
7/15 - 7/21	<a href="#">Green Mountain Lions Camp - Youth Session</a>
7/21	<a href="#">44th Annual Twin State Soccer Cup</a>
7/22	District organizational meeting - Readsboro
9/8	<a href="#">Maple Leaf Half-Marathon</a>
9/20 - 9/22	<a href="#">USA/Canada Forum</a>
9/29	<a href="#">Hungry Lion Bike Tour</a>
<b>Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the <a href="#">Communique!</a></b>	

# Tap into Lionism

## At D45's Spring Convention

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday Night:

3-6PM : Registration

6:00PM: Buffet

Saturday:

8:00AM: Continental Breakfast

9:30AM: Business Meeting

Noon : Melvin Jones Luncheon

2:30PM: Vermont Lions Darby Poker Walk

7:00PM: Banquet

Keynote Speaker: Sue Thomas, F.B. Eye

Hospitality Room

Sunday:

7:30AM: Memorial Service

9:00AM: Brunch



[Your Invitation to Convention](#)

[Dinner Banquet Kenote Speaker Bio](#)

[Room Reservation Form](#)

[Meals Only \(not staying overnight\) Form](#)

2018 Convention Memorial Service at Mount Snow:

This is a reminder to all Clubs please send your photos of your deceased members to [swantonlions@gmail.com](mailto:swantonlions@gmail.com) and the write up to [springfield\\_tool@yahoo.com](mailto:springfield_tool@yahoo.com) so that we may honor them with a tribute of their lives.

Thanks Memorial Service Committee



## Measuring the reach of Vermont Lions service

Vermont K-12 population is currently estimated at 84,334 students.

Vermont Lions KidSight has screened the vision of over 22,000 kids this year.

**Wow!**

## Club News

### Norwich

Free Spot Vision testing was conducted at the 2018 Home Life Expo. The Hanover Lions Club and the Norwich Lions Club teamed up to provide free SPOT Vision Screening to New Hampshire and Vermont residents during the Home Show at the Laverone Field House, Hanover Friday through Sunday, March 16-18.

Featured in the photograph are the volunteers who assisted on Sunday (left to right): Norwich Lions Peter Stanzel and Jay Van Arman, event coordinator, Hanover Lion and Coordinator Sara Trimmer, Norwich Lion Gary De Gasta and Hanover King Lion (President) Bill Loven.



Left to Right, Peter Stanzel, Jay Van Arman, Sara Trimmer, Gary De Gasta, and Bill Loven

### Norwich Lions honor two new members and learn to sing

The Norwich Lions Club now has 2 new members and recently honored them at the official Lions club ceremony. Past District Governor Joe Wilson was on hand to welcome them to the club and conduct the ceremony.

The North Country Chordsmen were also present to entertain us and try to teach us to sing as a group. You really needed to be in the room to see and hear the results. They were great and we just rolled with it knowing that we could never compete with them. They helped us keep in Harmony for a while.



*Gary De Gasta presents Lions pin to David Iemal Demo Sofronas presents Lions pin to James Eakin*



*The North Country Chords men are doing a great job motivating the Lions and teaching them to sing*

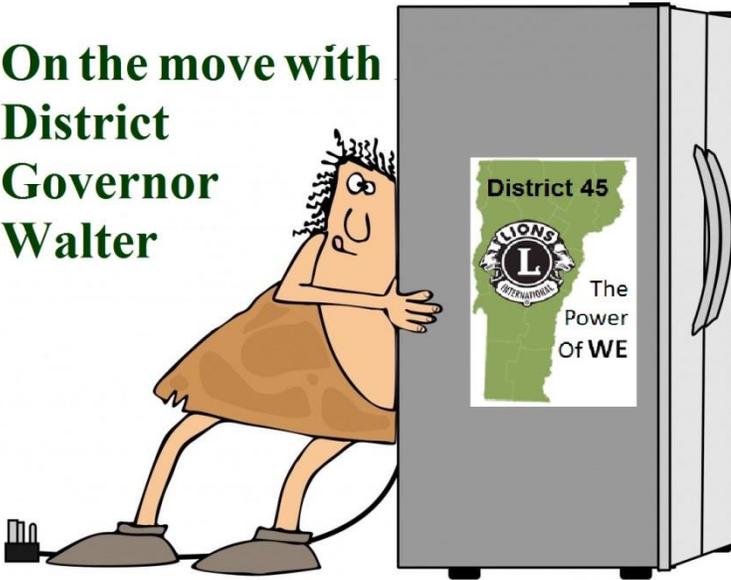


PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE WHITINGAM-HALIFAX LIONS CLUB  
 Saturday, March 17, the Whitingam-Halifax Lions will once again be flipping pancakes, bacon, and maple syrup at the Whitingam Municipal Center, during the town's annual Maple Festival. A hearty Vermont breakfast of pancakes, bacon, and maple syrup and tea, and of course REAL maple syrup -- will be served from 7 to 10 a.m. at a cost of \$9.95 for adults and \$5.95 for children 5 to 12. Children under the age of five eat free.

## Whitingam-Halifax Lions Club

To help recruit new members, the Whitingam-Halifax club sponsored a free dinner and presentation for those interested on Monday, March 19. Men and women from all local towns were cordially invited to this special event. No small offer coming right after the club's annual Maple Festival Breakfast! "We get a lot done for a small club," says Lion Mark Hanna of Jacksonville, "but with more members we could help the Valley even more."

# On the move with District Governor Walter



Castleton 3/5/18



GMLC Calcutta 3/3/18



Brandon 2/21/18



## Flood relief efforts are ongoing in Swanton and Highgate.

Story by WCAX - Ice jams on the Missisquoi river caused significant flooding, forcing residents from their homes. While the waters have receded, many suffered damage to property and belongings.

Operation Flood Relief is underway. The Swanton-Missisquoi Valley Lions Club held the event the weekend of February 3rd. "Residents have been very grateful very appreciative that our assistance is there," Souza said. The club received \$10,000 from the Lions Club International Foundation(LCIF) disaster relief fund, and an additional \$6,000 from the Vermont Lions Charities and other Lions clubs

throughout the state, to buy supplies for victims of flooding last month.

Relief includes "A box full of cleaning supplies that includes bleach, and the necessary cleaning supplies to help with the flood cleanup projects. They're also going to get food which has canned goods, cereals, water, and some necessary foods" said Souza. "This is a big deal it's great that we grouped together as the Lions to get this much money to help with this assistance. It's really a goal of everybody, to work for the community," Souza said. [Watch the video from WCAX](#)

# D45 Clubs are making a difference one meal at a time



Lion Tom Brigan, Lion Gary Russell, and Bristol Shaws manager Randy Thompson

Colchester Lions collected 486.64 pounds of food and public donations of \$859.92 toward additional food.

Essex Junction Lions with cub scout assistance collected 1,840 pounds of food and \$228.62 donated from the public toward additional food.

Georgia Lions assisted by Boy Scouts Collected 560 pounds of food and public donations of \$810 toward additional food.

Heartland Lions collected 40 pounds food for Royalton, Sharon and Tunbridge.

Vergennes Lions assisted by Cub Scouts collected 2,700 pounds of food and public donations of \$363 toward additional food.

Norshaft Lions went above and beyond! 25 members put in more than 500 hours and collected 8,300 lbs! They partnered with Shaftsbury School, North Bennington Graded School, The Bank of Bennington, Peckham Precast, NSK Engineering Systems, Price Chopper Supermarkets, and Poulin Grain Store. With such generous donations Norshaft Lions served 3 food pantries and 1 animal shelter.



Lions (L2R): KL Carrie Houlihan, Amanda Galipeau, PDG Ed Smith, FFH Chairperson Ray Cox (standing in the truck), Brian Foster, Andria Gassaway, & Allyson Scarey

## Lions Ease Hunger

Londonderry Tri- Mountain Lions Club held a "Food From The Heart" food drive at Clark's IGA in Londonderry on February 17th. Lions collected over 400lbs of food, cleaning supplies, hygiene products and \$100.00 for the Neighbor's Pantry in Londonderry. Thank you to Clark's IGA for all your help and to all who generously donated. The Tri-Mountain Lions club serves the communities surrounding Stratton, Bromley and Magic Mountains.

Food  
From The



Londonderry Tri-Mtn Lions Club members: Rande Keith, Gail Wyman and Bill Nichols.

It's never too early to start planning....



101st LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2018/LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



**Vermont Lions have collected 16,536 pair of glasses to be recycled this year.**

**Green Mountain Lions Camp Work Day June 9th**





## New England Lions Council Spring Weekend

At the Doubletree by Hilton

16 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Windsor Locks, CT

Celebrating Lions Appreciation Day at Fidelco,

103 Old Iron One Road, Bloomfield, CT (Saturday)

Friday, May 18 to Sunday, May 20

### Friday, May 18

5:00 to 7:00 pm Registration check-in at Double Tree  
7:00 to 9:00 pm Welcoming Reception (cash bar) hot and cold appetizers

### Saturday, May 19

Breakfast on your own Doubletree restaurant open 7 am to midnight every day  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Lions Open House at Fidelco  
2:00 to 3:00 pm Registration at Doubletree (for those who did not arrive on Friday)  
3:00 to 3:45 Seminar at Doubletree, LCIF History in New England - Lion Frank Rowe  
4:00 to 4:45 Seminar NELC Webpage Introduction - Lion Mike Haws  
6:00 to 10:00 pm 6:00 - Purchase dinner at Skyline if desired  
8:00 - Comedy Show at the Skyline Restaurant (\$20), Raffle  
Proceeds to benefit LCIF

### Sunday, May 20

8:30 to 10:00 Breakfast at Doubletree - Keynote Speaker, Lion Mark Lyon ID candidate  
10:00 to 11:30 NELC Meeting - DG Reports  
11:30 End of Weekend

\*\*\*\*\*REGISTRATION\*\*\*\*\*

Hotel Room Rate per night is \$119 plus tax. Call 860 627-5171.

Identify self as with the New England Lions Council - May 18 to 20 (Either one or two nights)

DEADLINE for Rooms - April 29, 2018

Comedy Night @ \$20 per person	Number attending ____	Total _\$ _____
Sunday Breakfast @ \$27 per person	Number attending ____	Total _\$ _____
TOTAL DUE		_\$ _____

Make check payable to: NELC and mail to: PDG Sandra Hurd  
NELC Sec'y Treasurer  
116 Turkey Hill Road  
Merrimack, NH 03054

Phone: 603 424-8922 Email: [axstewart@comcast.net](mailto:axstewart@comcast.net)

Registration Deadline for Comedy Night, and Breakfast - May 6, 2018

## Editor's Corner

### A Quick Note from the Editor:

**Lion Amy Hermann had to take a break from editing the Communique. Thank you Lion Amy for all of your work these past many issues. D45 is looking for the next editor to step forward. Please make your availability known to the DG.**

**Please help the Communique remain on schedule by doing the following:**

- 1. Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.**
- 2. Please send digital images in their original format. Please don't shrink them. Pick 3-5 pictures, maximum to submit (per event) and please tell us who is in the pictures, what club they represent and what event it was taken at.**
- 3. All entries are limited to a single page **maximum**.**
- 4. The editor reserves the right to edit all entries.**

**Thank you in advance!**

**Temporary Editor**

Please follow these simple steps:

**1st:** When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put '**For Communique**' in the subject line of the email. Emails to [communique@vermontlions.org](mailto:communique@vermontlions.org) are received by several Lions and we need to be sure that it is directed properly.

**2nd:** 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** (and a shameless plug!): (Who)The Manchester Lions Club will be hosting (What) the Maple Leaf Half Marathon, a Top Ten Fall Event, on (When) Saturday September 8, 2018(Where) The event begins and ends at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, 340 Rec Park Road, Manchester, Vermont. (Why) Monies raised from the event are donated back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations. (How) For more information or to register please visit our website at [www.manchestervtmapleleaf.com](http://www.manchestervtmapleleaf.com)

**3rd:** 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. I'll get it on the calendar and begin promoting it for you.