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Dear Fellow Lion Leaders,

May Conference time is upon us - even though the weather is confused! I am so looking forward to celebrating an amazing year of service with all of you. Your Conference Committee has been very busy for many months, to ensure that everything has been done to create a positive, fun and rewarding experience for all members of D45. I would just like to run through some of the highlights of the weekend - for you to look forward to - as you plan to join in the fun.

Friday Night will be live music and dancing, plus a Pasta Bar / Cash bar, and of course, the famous ‘Hospitality Room’ - run by VDG Ken Emery!

Saturday begins with breakfast, and then our Business Meeting to vote on a new leadership team and hear about our many State Wide activities. PDG Joe Wilson and his team will run the election of our new team. Please remember to bring your membership card and check with your Club on who will be officially voting.

Lunch is the **Melvin Jones Luncheon**, Hosted By PID Tom Broughton, in which we honor the many Lions who have given so much of their time and commitment to their neighbors, their Club and District 45.

Directly after lunch, to celebrate the amazing success of our **Vision Screening Program**, I have asked that all Visioneers gather for a photo opportunity. This amazing group has changed the lives of thousands of children in our State and their families. Let’s be there to give them a great Lions roar for all they have done.

We then quickly move on to our **Environmental Service** and activity. For those of you with green thumbs, we have arranged to plant the flowerbeds and tall planters just outside the Holiday Inn. This will be a lovely reminder of our caring for the environment and a notice that Vermont Lions were there. For those of you who would prefer a quieter activity, there will be a chance to learn how to make “plyarn” (yarn made out of plastic bags) and how to recycle plastic bags into useful items. If you have been creative this year, using ‘plyarn’, please bring along your items to share. There will be large crochet hooks to use, but please bring your own, if you have them. For those of you who are not involved in any of these activities, Lion Molly is setting up several choices of things to see and do in the area. More details of these options are to be found in the Communique

There will also be a chance to **meet with ID Mark Lyon**, our guest for the weekend, to ask questions and talk about opportunities for leadership and growth in Lions. This is a chance not to be missed.

The evening will be our **formal Banquet**, with much celebration and inspiration from our guest, International Director Mark Lyon, as well as many awards and recognitions for our Vermont Lions. The “Hospitality Room” will again be open at the end of the evening.

Sunday is a very important part of our celebration and remembrance of our wonderful Lions who have passed away during the year. This is a very moving ceremony and I encourage as many Lions as possible to attend, as well as the family of Lions whose lives are celebrated. After this ceremony, there will be a Brunch, hosted by our new District Governor Elect, as he sets forward his plans for 2019 – 2020.

WOW, take a deep breath - make your plans and join together to CELEBRATE !

Together We Serve,

DG Liz

District 45 Calendar and Events

4/26/2019	Georgia Lions Food Trailer at the VT Maple Festival
4/27/2019	Gold Prospecting & Gold Panning in VT - Arlington Lions
4/28/2019	Brunch, Brattleboro Legion #5, proceeds to benefit Brattleboro Lions – 8:30am to 1pm, ASL Interpreter will be on site from 9am- to 1pm
5/1/2019	Club Secretary: PU 101 Reports due to LCI
5/2-5/4/2019	D45 Spring Conference 2019, Rutland
5/4/2019	Green UP Day – Arlington Lions
5/15/2019	Final date to submit PU 101 Reports due to LCI
5/16/2019	Pumpkinseed Classic, Swanton Missiquoi Valley Lions
6/2/2019	NELC – Hollis, NH
6/8/2019	Bass Tournament - Plunder Bay Open – Castleton Lions Club
7/6/2019	“We Serve” Mud Volleyball Tournament – Arlington Lions
7/7-7/27/2019	Green Mountain Lions Camp
On going	Vision Camera Availability
	Don't see your club's activity listed? Email it to the Communique !



Editor's note: We will be having the Communique available on the 1st of the month. For the June edition please have your material submitted by May 25th.

Please be sure to email it to [Communique](#).



Hello, fellow District 45 Lions,

Hope things are going as well as can be expected. April is the start of an exciting three months. The last three months of the 2018 – 2019 Lions year.

First, we have DG Liz's Spring Convention being held May 3 – 5 at the Holiday Inn in Rutland. We have the honor of having International Director Mark Lyon and his wife, Lion Lynn Lyon in attendance. More on this eventful weekend appears elsewhere in this communique.

Second, we have all the club officers for the 2019 – 2020 Lions year being elected, with their names being reported to Lions Club International. The 2nd annual Leadership Training is to be held Saturday June 22nd at the Champlain Valley Christian Reformed Church, 73 Church Street, Vergennes. Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership chairs will be provided training for the upcoming year. BUT anyone is welcomed to attend this event, especially if there is interest in being a club leader in the future.

Third, is all of the club activities that 'Spring' brings to all of our clubs. Between Easter Egg Hunts, Green Up Day, 'Gold Panhandling', Memorial Day Events, School activities, and much much more. Two featured events (but not the only featured events) are Dairy Days in Enosburg and the GMLC cleanup day (see elsewhere for more information).

See all in Rutland!!!!

In Lionism,

VDG Ken

P.S. Just a reminder, the best email address to reach me is kpemery1960@gmail.com.

VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES
Cabinet Meeting report – American Legion/Middlebury
Saturday, March 16, 2019

Good morning: This report will provide an up-date on LVC activity for January & February and more importantly provide our progress in assisting those Vermont families dealing with pediatric cancer.

At our meeting this morning we finalized and approved our budget for 2019. We established our income for the year at \$51,900.00 and on the expense side, \$56,950.00. On the income side, we hope to raise, via fundraisers and donations, approx. \$43,250.00 while on the expense side distribute \$17,500.00 in eyeglass expense, \$11,500.00 in vision screening and in other areas such as grants/scholarships and misc., a total of \$27,950.00. More than \$10,000.00 of this expense will be in the areas of pediatric cancer.

At this point in time, we have made our yearly distribution of \$1,500.00 to Vt. Adaptive Sports, provided \$3,500.00 in the area of stipends to our families dealing with pediatric cancer and have provided \$10,500.00 in the area of general assistance. (\$5,000 to the family of the 12-year-old having the rare gene mutation KCTD7 and \$5,000.00 to the family where their two-year-old is in need of a service dog as the child is now legally blind.

In Concluding this report, here is the latest up-date on our efforts in assisting those Vermont families dealing with pediatric cancer. We have received (7) requests for the \$500 stipends and yes, supported all the request: (1) from the Children's Hospital of Albany, (3) via Dartmouth-Hitchcock and (4) from the University of Vermont Children's Hospital. Their age ranges: (5) months to (18) and from Springfield, Brownsville, Lyndonville, South Londonderry, Brandon, Barre and South Burlington.

THANK YOU so much to all who supported the VLC February Cash Fest Raffle.

Proceeds from this raffle will help Vermont Lions Charities to continue to support the KidsSight USA Vision Screening Program along with other Sight and Hearing needs within District 45 and continue to SERVE those in need.



CONGRATULATIONS TOTHE WINNERS of the February Raffle

Feb 1 \$100.00 Springfield Lions
Feb 2 \$50.00 Don Rayta
Feb 3 \$100.00 Michael Willard
Feb 4 \$25.00 Hella Bennitt
Feb 5 \$25.00 Ron Bingham
Feb 6 \$50.00 Norshaft Lions
Feb 7 \$25.00 Shelby Colburn
Feb 8 \$25.00 Mike Scanlon
Feb 9 \$50.00 Pat/Jeff Schroeder
Feb 10 \$75.00 Jacob Jamieson
Feb 11 \$25.00 Troy and Area Lions
Feb 12 \$25.00 Linda Eastman
Feb 13 \$50.00 Bruce Blanch
Feb 14 \$200.00 Mike Willard
Feb 15 \$25.00 Ray Stevens

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Feb 16 \$50.00 Colchester Lions
Feb 17 \$100.00 Tom Belisle
Feb 18 \$25.00 Toni Olden
Feb 19 \$25.00 John Freitag
Feb 20 \$50.00 Ron Bingham
Feb 21 \$25.00 Don Maclure
Feb 22 \$25.00 Troy & Area Lions
Feb 23 \$50.00 Hella Bennitt
Feb 24 \$100.00 Springfield Lions
Feb 25 \$25.00 Yvan Laplume
Feb 26 \$25.00 Don Maclure
Feb 27 \$50.00 Lyle Remick
Feb 28 \$100.00 Ray Stevens

Traveling Lion – News

Jericho-Underhill Lions President Dave Crane awards Tucky to Essex Junction Lions Mary Tewarson and Betsy MaGee



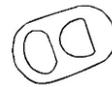
Heartland Lions President Ron Bingham awards Sir Charles to Windsor Lion Joe Perrigo, Lion Myra Poland and Lion Joe Dartt



PDG Larry Simino awards Region 2 Traveling Lion to Brandon-Forest Dale Lion Patty Reynolds



Can tabs????



Lion Loren & Lion Cindy were weighing pull can tabs and had a box with no markings on it from the January cabinet Meeting.

If this belongs to your club, please contact Lion Cindy at lioncindy2008@gmail.com.



Some highlights from March Cabinet Meeting Awesome day in Lionism!

Photos: PDG Betsy Magee



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Every Lion in every club worldwide has the power to create a better future. Lions Clubs International Foundation has launched Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. We're celebrating a century of service while working to support Lions' efforts for the next 100 years and beyond. With financial support from Lions, other donors and partners, the foundation is committed to raising US\$300 million by June 30, 2021. It's an unprecedented goal but one LCIF is confident we'll reach together.

In an effort to make this campaign as successful as possible we are asking every club to designate a Campaign 100 Club Coordinator. Club coordinator training webinar can be found <https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center>

Under the left side panel titled Category **click on:** Campaign 100, **Enter:** 'Webinar' into the search field **Click:** Search. The two videos below will appear. Since the file is so large, it is in two parts. In addition we can assist with training as well.

LCIF's Campaign 100 asks all Lions throughout the world to contribute \$100 per year for the next three years in order to raise the targeted \$300 Million. Simply stated that is less than 28 cents per day, less than 1 cup of coffee per week!

What's the power of your gift to Lions Clubs International Foundation?

A safer and healthier world in which Lions have even greater opportunity to:

- Increase service impact in the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian work.

- ◆ Fight diabetes to reduce its prevalence and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.
- Expand our global causes to include:
 - ◆ Hunger – Growing resources and infrastructure needed to address food shortages, we'll work toward a world in which no one goes hungry.
 - ◆ Childhood Cancer – We'll strengthen medical and social services designed to increase life expectancy of children with cancer and enhance quality of life for them and their families.
 - ◆ Environmental Issues – Together, Lions and LCIF will protect the environmental health of our global communities.

You know the impact your service makes on communities. Donate today to change the world even more profoundly. For assistance or more information please do not hesitate to contact one of us. You can also visit lcif.org/donate to make a secure recurring or one-time contribution, call 630-203-3836 or email donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.

Every Lion in every club worldwide has the power to create a better future. Thank you for considering your financial gift to Lions Clubs International Foundation and for joining the Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service movement.

Respectfully

PID Tom Broughton & PDG Merry Souza

45th Annual NH-VT Lions All-Star SOCCER GAMES



July 20, 2019

Girls @ 4:00PM • Boys @ 6:30PM
Castleton State College • Castleton, VT



All proceeds to NH & VT LIONS Charities

NH Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation & Green Mountain Lions Camp



Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results
Over 24,000 Children Screened
So Far this Academic Year
July 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019

Club	Vision Screening Days/Sites	Number of Children	Number of Referrals	Number of Adults
Arlington/Bennington/ NorShaft	25	2,155	205	14
Barre	34	3,465	337	33
Brandon Forest Dale	6	688	69	9
Brattleboro	3	259	17	3
Castleton	32	2,709	262	47
Colchester/Essex	9	1,343	102	5
Enosberg	8	1,610	153	
Granville				
Georgia				
Heartland				
Jericho-Underhill	2	111	7	
Londonderry Area	7	578	14	
Manchester				
Middlebury/Vergennes	32	5,583	562	
Norwich	2	296	116	
Orleans	10	708	58	6
Readsboro	2	68	7	
Richford	4	636	74	
Strafford	1	90	8	2
Springfield	22	2,912	294	57
Troy & Area	4	292	30	7
Whitingham-Halifax	5	340	33	8
Windsor	2	148	16	
Williston				
Zone 1 A / Zone 1B	1	34	5	
Total:	211	24,025	2,369	191

If your Club's screening has not been reported here, please contact Phylis Porio at vtlionphylis@gmail.com



2019-2020

District 45 Vision Screener Schedule and Availability

Contact:	Bennington Area	Springfield Area	Castleton Area	Colchester Area	Norwich Area
Contact:	Kathi Marcoux Kathihm@comcast.net	Joe Wison breezyhill@vermontel.net	Pat Schroeder topsun@comcast.net	Carmelita Belisle lucienarm@comcast.net	Gary Degasta gary.degasta@gmail.com
Month:	w/o				
September	2 Londonderry 9 Londonderry 16 Londonderry 23 Londonderry 30 Londonderry	Springfield Springfield Springfield Springfield Springfield	Castleton Castleton Castleton Castleton Castleton	Colchester Colchester Colchester Colchester Colchester	Middlebury/Vergennes Middlebury/Vergennes Middlebury/Vergennes Middlebury/Vergennes Middlebury/Vergennes
October	7 Londonderry/NorShaft 14 NorShaft 21 NorShaft 23 NorShaft 30 NorShaft	Springfield Springfield Springfield Springfield Springfield	Castleton Castleton Castleton Castleton Castleton	Richford/Enosberg Richford/Enosberg Richford/Enosberg Richford/Enosberg Richford/Enosberg	Middlebury/Vergennes Middlebury/Vergennes Middlebury/Vergennes Middlebury/Vergennes Middlebury/Vergennes
November	4 Norshaft 11 Norshaft 18 Norshaft 25 Norshaft	Springfield Springfield Springfield Springfield	Brandon Brandon Brandon Brandon	Troy & Area Troy & Area Colchester Colchester	Middlebury/Vergennes Norwich Norwich Norwich
December	2 NorShaft 9 Whitingham-Halifax 16 Whitingham-Halifax 23 Whitingham-Halifax 30 Whitingham-Halifax	Springfield Springfield Springfield Springfield Springfield	Castleton Castleton Castleton Castleton Castleton	Colchester Colchester Colchester Colchester Colchester	Norwich Norwich Norwich Norwich Norwich

Save the Date!
Green Mountain Lions Camp
July 7 - 20 and July 21 - 27





A WIFFLE Ball Tournament Like Nothing Else!

All Lions and Lions clubs strive to make a difference in the lives of those living with diabetes. That's why we hold Lions "Strides for Diabetes" events. This year The Vermont Lions are banding together to support a Lions team – The Lions Striders - in the 9th annual SLAM T1D wiffle ball tournament. Your support will help send T1D Vermont kids to summer camp where they will learn lifesaving T1D management behaviors.

- Come have fun and watch your Lions team play, take a swing!
- Please consider a donation to help us meet our fundraising goal of \$5,000. Send a check to "Lions" PO Box 5, Middlebury VT 05753 or www.crowdrise.com/donate/event/2019vermontsummerclassic

GET IN THE GAME

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is a lethal, life-altering autoimmune disease that takes, takes, takes. Help us change the game for people with T1D.



Club News



Strafford Lions

This past winter has been a busy time for the Strafford Area Lions Club. Here are some of our activities:

Statewide Blanket project - Our Club made 12 lap blankets which were distributed to the VA and hospitals.

Food from the Heart - Our Club collected 860lbs. of food for local food shelves and \$1,400 to be used for food needs.

Members of our Club were trained by the Norwich Lions Club on how to do eye screening and with them screened all the students at our elementary school

Our Club sponsored a very successful ski program for our elementary students at the Dartmouth Skiway as well as running our own local rope tow when conditions permitted.

Colchester Lions

Lion Ken Emery reported that Lions Dawn, Meghan and myself hosted a 'food from the heart' food drive at the Dollar General at the Creek Farm Plaza, Colchester Village on March 17, 2019. The Drive was held from 11-4 and during this time, they collected over 169 lbs. of food and over \$124 in cash. In 2018, they collected 110 lbs. of food and \$23 in cash.

St. Patrick's Day is a better day to collect food. They also have two (2) more food drives planned for Saturday, April 14 at Shaw's and Saturday, April 20 as part of their East Egg Hunt.



Essex Junction Lions

DG Liz Fenwick presents Essex Junction Lions Club President KL Dianne Brochu the Wooden Spoon Award



Lions Tom and Linda Stone, Betsy MaGee and Carmelle Terborgh served at the Summit Street School Pancake breakfast



Vergennes Lions

King Lion Paul Bessette presents a \$1,000 check to Marsha Harris, Director of Bixby Library



Barre Lions

Barre Lions Club members Paul Plante, Rick Theken, Harry Hinrichsen, and Charlie Livendale are presented a proclamation by Barre Mayor and Barre Lion Lucas Herring. The proclamation named March 19th Barre Lions Club Day in celebration of the Barre Lions Club's 80th Anniversary and 80 years of service to the Central Vermont community



Dancing with the Stars of Burlington!

Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired [VABVI]

(<https://www.facebook.com/events/1582368021875256/>)

Join us September 8th, 2019 at Burlington's Flynn Theater to cheer on the amazing lineup of seven local celebrities paired with dance professionals to compete for the title of Burlington Dance Stars. Three celebrity judges will determine the winning team. The team that raises the most funds online will receive the Fan Favorite award. All monies raised through this event support the Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired [VABVI] in its mission to enable Vermonters who are blind or visually impaired, to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills and improve their quality of life.





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It's
**Peanut Butter,
Jelly time!**



Peanut Butter And Jelly Jam Slam Food Drive 2019

The **Arlington, Vermont Lions Club** is very proud to announce our participation in the **3rd annual Peanut Butter and Jam Slam**. The event this year runs the month of March and ends on April 3rd. For the last three years this food drive have been a smashing success. Peanut butter and jelly are the most expensive items for food shelves and food pantries to buy in bulk. They are also the most sought after products by those in need, every donation goes a long way!

Hunger is on the rise in Vermont and we want to help. Recent surveys show 1 in 5 children in Vermont and 1 in 4 households are experiencing food insecurity. Please help us, help those in need. Why peanut butter and jelly? Peanut butter is the food children request most. Peanut butter and jelly are in very high demand, but are rarely donated. Nutritionally, peanut butter is high in protein, potassium, magnesium and heart healthy fats. And what is a peanut butter sandwich without jelly?

We need your help to meet and exceed this year's goal of 2,000 jars, last year the event collected and then distributed 1837 jars to food shelf's around Bennington County. For this year's event all of the peanut butter and jam donations collected in Arlington will go directly to the **Arlington Food Shelf**. The Arlington Food Shelf serves Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate. So let's help end food insecurity right here in our own community, every jar matters! This year donations are being accepted at the **Village Peddler in East Arlington, The Village Chocolate Shoppe in Bennington and McGaw Graphics in Sunderland**.

For more information, please call 802-375-6037.

Mud Volleyball



ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

**"WE SERVE" MUD VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT
AND SUMMERFEST SATURDAY JULY 6TH**

THE TOURNAMENT HAS CASH PRIZES FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACE! TEAMS ARE 6 PLAYERS, \$20 PER PLAYER, ROUND ROBIN PLAY IN THE MORNING, TOURNAMENT PLAY IN AFTERNOON. THE FUN KICKS OFF AT 9AM FOR TEAM PLAY, ALL TEAMS MUST REPORT BY 8:30AM.

THE SUMMERFEST WILL PROVIDE TONS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY STARTING AT 9AM AND RUNNING ALL DAY! ALL OF THE SUMMERFEST ACTIVITIES ARE FREE, EXCEPT FOOD SALES.

- ❖ BRING YOUR CHILD'S POWER-WHEELS CAR FOR KIDS RACES!**
- ❖ SQUIRT GUN WARS ALL DAY LONG**
- ❖ ADULTS AND KIDS TUG-A-WAR HORSE SHOES & BAG-O-GAME**
- ❖ MUD-PIE MAKING AND TOSSING**
- ❖ BARBECUE AND PULLED-PORK**
- ❖ MUSIC AND MORE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SIGN-UP FORMS AND RULES FORMS CONTACT US VIA FACEBOOK AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ARLINGTONVTLIONS, ARLINGTONVTLIONS@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 802-375-6037



One of the most beloved missions the Arlington Lions Club promotes is the stewardship of our state's natural landscape, waterways and the livability of our community. By raising public awareness we can get our community, our neighbors and our families involved in Green Up Day to help keep Vermont's beautiful landscape litter free.

This year **Green Up Day** falls on **Saturday May 4, 2019**. We have chosen **Dunham Road** that runs through **Arlington and Sunderland** this year to clean up. Dunham Road is one of our communities back road treasures, with its amazing views, the road is perfect for a casual bike ride, a daily walk, a photography day, or just a slow drive with the windows down to soak in Vermont's slender.

Why not join us this year in cleaning up **Dunham Road**. We will be meeting at **Chauncey's Restaurant at 8 am, on Route 7a in Arlington** and would love to have as much help as possible. Afterwards, join us to plant peach trees for the community at the Arlington Lions Pavilion, located at the Arlington Recreation Park. Wear brightly colored clothes, sensible shoes, gloves, and sunscreen. Be tick smart! Wear long pants, avoid tall grass, wear bug repellent and check for ticks when you get home.



PUMPKINSEED CLASSIC



Date and Time: beginning at **6a.m. May 18, 2019** to **4p.m.**

Entry Fee: \$20 must register by 6p.m. May 15, 2019

Lake Champlain waters

Winner is based on heaviest pumpkinseed

1st place= \$300

2nd place= \$150

3rd place= \$75

Weigh-in and Ceremony 4 Pumphouse Road, Alburgh VT, access either by water (boat) or by land (vehicle)

To purchase tickets please visit the Swanton Missisquoi Valley Lions Club Website at <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/swantonvt/> or call Tammy at 370-2254 or Tom at 309-4501. Checks can be made out to Swanton Missisquoi Valley Lions Club.

A great way to spend quality time with your whole family.

Hot dogs, fries, and water will also be available for purchase after 11a.m. Saturday.

Net proceeds to benefit the Swanton Missisquoi Valley Lions Humanitarian Service Projects.

Fundraising Brunch

At the Brattleboro Legion #5

April 28, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JIM ZOLLER 802-579-6899

THE BRATTLEBORO LEGION #5 IS SPONSORING A SUNDAY BRUNCH AT 32 LINDEN STREET BRATTLEBORO VT. PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE BRATTLEBORO AREA LIONS. ASL INTERPRETER WILL BE ON SITE FROM 9AM TO 1PM 3GC AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING.

**3Generations
3Collaboration**

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Arlington Lions Club Membership Drive 2019

The Arlington Lions Club will be holding its annual membership drive on Thursday March 21st, 2019. Come check out our meeting and learn how you or your entire family can make an instant and long lasting positive effect on the communities we serve. By achieving our humanitarian goals on a local level in Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate, those efforts ripple out into the world as a whole.

We are looking for new active members to help us serve our community. We are very family friendly; children are more than welcome to attend any of our meetings and any of our events. If you are interested in serving your community by becoming a Arlington Lions Club member or for more information, please come to our membership drive meeting, call **802-375-6037** or check us out on facebook at: www.facebook.com/arlingtonvtlions

Some of our goals include: Cleaning and helping maintain our environment, helping those with Diabetes and Diabetes prevention, collecting non-perishable food items for our local food shelf, our sight and hearing programs including vision screening for our local schools, our local school college scholarship program and of course our seasonal projects such as the community Halloween haunted house, sand buckets for seniors and back to school supply drives..



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Did you know?



Lions Clubs are the largest service organization in the world?
We have 1.4 million members in over 46,000 clubs worldwide.

Where there's a need, there's a Lion.
We're men & women serving in more than 200 countries
& geographical areas.

Lions Serve - Our motto is 'We serve'
Founded in 1917 we are best know for saving sight but we also feed the hungry, aid seniors & the disabled and so much more. We are a global service network of volunteers that make a difference in our local communities.

Become a Lion
Becoming a Lions club member gives you the opportunity to volunteer locally, or internationally. Make new friends and professional connections. Get involved in projects that make your community a better place to live. Have fun doing it!



Vermont Lions District Convention
Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th, 2019
Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, Rutland, Vermont

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM for Meals Only

Please fill in the appropriate details and meal choice selections for the Convention and mail the form to **Lion Brenda Seitz CT 724 Hinesburg Road, Brattleboro VT 05301** along with **the check payable to VT District 45.**

Meal tickets will be included in your registration packet upon check-in.

Deadline for receiving your Convention Registration and Meal Selections is Thursday, April 25, 2019

Name:	
Address:	
District:	District Position:
Club:	Club Position:
Contact:Cell/Phone	email:

Convention Commuter Meals Only Options: (All Prices are Per Person Include All Taxes and Service Charges)				
	Select	Cost	People	Total
Saturday Breakfast Buffet		\$17.00		
Saturday Luncheon Buffet		\$25.00		
Formal Saturday Night Banquet Dinner (Circle Meal Selection Below and Indicate Quantity of Each)		\$35.00		
Roasted Prime Rib of Beef				
Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Breast				
Lemon Pepper Atlantic Salmon				
Dietary Restrictions: Enter GF or VG if Applicable Gluten Free or Vegetarian Entrée Available				
Sunday Farewell Brunch		\$22.00		
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE				

Any combination of meal selections is acceptable





Vermont Lions District Convention
 Friday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 5th, 2019
 Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington, Rutland, Vermont

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM for ROOMS & MEALS

Please fill in your appropriate details and package selections for the Convention and mail the form to Holiday Inn 476 Holiday Drive Rutland Vermont, 05701 Attention to M. Fournier. Please include the payment information by either credit card, or check, made payable to the Holiday Inn.

Deadline for receiving your Convention Registration is Monday, April 15, 2019.

Name:	
Address:	
District:	District Position:
Club:	Club Position:
Contact: Cell/Phone	Email

Convention Weekend Packages: (All Prices Include All Taxes and Service Charges)	Select	People	Cost
2 Night Weekend Package: Includes 2 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, plus Sunday Brunch for TWO people		2	\$457.00
2 Night Weekend Package: Includes 2 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, plus Sunday Brunch for ONE person		1	\$359.00
Friday Night Only Package: Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch for TWO people		2	\$214.00
Friday Night Only Package: Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Breakfast and Lunch for ONE person		1	\$173.00
Saturday Night Only Package: Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Brunch for TWO people		2	\$294.00
Saturday Night Only Package: Includes 1 Nights Lodging, Saturday Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Brunch for ONE person		1	\$207.00
Formal Saturday Night Banquet Dinner Meal Selections (Circle Meal Selection Below and Indicate Quantity of Each)			
<i>Roasted Prime Rib of Beef</i>			
<i>Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Breast</i>			
<i>Lemon Pepper Atlantic Salmon</i>			
Dietary Restrictions: Enter GF or VG if Applicable Gluten Free or Vegetarian Entrée Available			
Total Payment Due IN FULL			
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2019 Spring Convention Schedule

Friday, May 3, 2019

3:00-6:00 pm
Registration & Information
Foyer – *Castleton Lions*

5:00-6:00 pm
Hospitality Room: Room 146-148
Host Candidate: *DG Lion Ken Emery*
& *1st VDG Lion Pam Nichols*

6:00-9:00 pm
Welcome Gathering
Host: *Lion Karen Urbon*
Dress: Casual
Music, Pasta & Bar
Greensfields Restaurant

9:00-11:00 pm
Hospitality Room: Room 146-148
Host Candidate: *DG Lion Ken Emery*
& *1st VDG Lion Pam Nichols*

Saturday, May 4, 2019

7:30-12:00 pm
Registration & Information
Foyer – *Granville Lions*

8:00-9:00 am
Recognition Breakfast
Host: *Lion Mark Hanna*
Location: Governor's Room

9:30-11:30 pm
Annual Business Meeting
Location: Vermont Room

12:00-1:30pm
Melvin Jones Luncheon
Host: *PID Tom Broughton*
Dress: Business Casual
Location: Governor's Room

2:00-4:00pm
*Photo opportunity for Visionaries
Host: *Lion Phylis Porio*
Location: Governor's Room (1:30-2pm)
*Meeting with ID Mark Lyon
Host: *DG Liz Fenwick*
Location: Champlain Room (2-3pm)

- *- Environmental Activities:
1. Recycle plastic bags (3-4pm)
 2. Planting: front of Holiday Inn (3-4pm)

4:00-5:00 pm
Hospitality Room: Room 146-148
Host Candidate: *DG Lion Ken Emery*
& *FVDGE Lion Pam Nichols*

5:00-6:00 pm
DG Toast
Hosted by: *Lion Kathy Whitman & Norshaft*
Lions
Invited Guest: Champlain Room

6:00-7:00pm
Line up for banquet procession
PDG Stan Patch Jr
Location: Foyer

7:00-9:00 pm
Annual District 45 Banquet
Location: Governor's Room
Master of Ceremony: *Lion Art Whitman*
Speakers: *ID Lion Mark Lyon & Lion Lyn*
Lyon

9:00-11:00 pm
Hospitality Room: Room 146-148
Host Candidate: *DG Lion Ken Emery*
& *1st VDG Pam Nichols*

Sunday, May 5, 2019

7:00 am
Coffee/Danish
Location: Foyer

8:00-9:00 am
Memorial Service
Location: Vermont Room
Dress: Business Casual
Host:
PDG Shery Lee Juairé
PDG Merry Souza
District Chaplin's:
PDG Ken Millay
PDG Clem Cardinal

9:00-10:30 am
Brunch
Location: Governor's Room
Host: *DGE Ken Emery*
& *1st VDG Pam Nichols*

Close of Convention
Safe Home



Lions !!

Bring your Club Service Posters with your reports and pictures to the May Conference ! Put them on display. There is a badge for your Club Banner to commemorate your success completing a Service Project in all 5 Areas. These will be given out at May Conference meeting.



Let's celebrate and recognize an amazing year of Service.

See you there –
DG Liz

Our Environment

In Vermont, we are so lucky. I feel we live in one of the most beautiful parts of America - no matter what season, but especially Spring. It is easy to forget that the rest of the US and many parts of the world are not as lucky. As Lions, we are asked to consider our Environment and look for ways to raise awareness, as well as take part in service / actions to improve the world we give to our children and grandchildren.

Many Clubs are taking part in "Green Up Day", the first weekend in May. This is wonderful, as we will be out in our communities, identified by our vests / shirts/ hats, saying 'We Care'. My sincere thanks to all who are participating in this once a year environmental community service. I am also aware that clubs also join in the work of ridding our lakes of weed that clogs and kills native plants, fish and animals. Well Done! I am sure that there other activities happening around the State - **Lions, let us know of your work and share good ideas.**

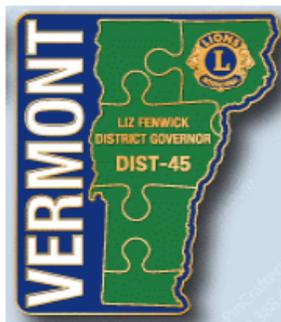
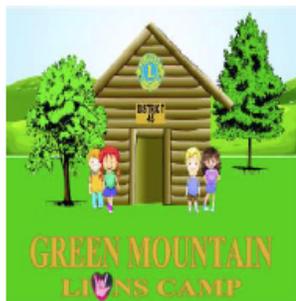
I tried to arrange a 'Green Up' project in Rutland, for those attending our Spring Convention, but timing of events made it impossible. BUT we will have two events to focus on the Environment on Saturday.

1. There will be a chance for all **green fingers** to participate in a Spring planting on site at the Holiday Inn. Plants, shrubs, flowers will be provided by the Hotel and Lions are invited to take part in this 'green up' . We will have green tee shirts available for volunteers.
2. For those who would also like to make a difference, there will be a chance to learn about making 'plarn' - (yarn made from plastic bags) and how to crochet this 'plarn' into different useful items that will keep plastic bags out of our landfills, etc. The Vermont Government is considering a ban on plastic bags, but we still have a present problem with these bags. Consider joining the group, bringing your LARGE crochet hook and a willingness to learn (some crochet hooks will be available). There will also be green tee shirts available for volunteers.

Again, please let other Lions around the State know about your Environmental Project - share your ideas on future editions of the Communique, at Zone meetings and Cabinet meetings. Local action!!

Together We Serve,

DG Liz



A unique camp experience for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teens and Youth

website: <http://GreenMtnLionsCamp.wixsite.com/gmlcamp>

Farrar Steckley Memorial Raffle

Lion Gene Farrar and Lion Brain Steckely were a former chairmen of the Green Mountain Lions Camp. All funds raised, through this raffle, provide scholarships for those youth who want to attend OUR Green Mountain Lions Camp

Drawing to be held at 2019 Spring Convention May 3 - 5 at Rutland Holiday Inn

Tickets are \$5 a piece, 5 for \$20 (encouraged to be sold to non-Lions)

(checks payable to Vt. Lions Charities – GMLC)

**Top prize – Telescope Patio Furniture Set donated by the Granville Lions club
Many, many more prizes as well.**

**For more information, including donating a prize (which are welcome!!)
please contact VDG Ken Emery at kpemery1960@gmail.com.**

Prizes

- \$100 Cash Prize
- \$25 Gift Card - Hannafords
- \$50 Cash Prize
- 6 Pce King Size Bamboo Sheet Set
- 73 Piece Wrench Set
- Ankle Length Vest
- Antique Cookie Dish
- C V Fair Family Pack
- Canadien Geese Décor Set
- Ethan Allen End Table**
- Glass Bird Bath Set
- Handmade afghan
- Handmade blanket
- Kids Backpack with goodies
- Kirkland Collection Painting (2 1/2 x 3 1/2 ft)
- Light weight hip length boiled wool jacket
- Miscellaneous Kids Summer Toys
- One Night Stay
- Racing T-Shirt
- Shopping Cooler
- Strafford Area Cook Book
- Summer on the Barbie BBQ set
- Teddy Bear
- Telescope Patio Furniture**

Donated By

- PDG Betsy Magee
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- Berg / Teer Combo
- Don / Gisele Emery
- PDG Betsy Magee
- Lion Connie St. George
- PDG Ken Emery
- Champlain Valley Fair
- PDG Ken Emery
- Orleans Lions Club**
- PDG Patrick McWilliams / Lion Patricia Johnston McWilliams
- Lion Connie LaPlume
- PCT Loreen Teer
- PDG Ken Emery
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- Green Mountain Suites
- PDG Betsy Magee
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- PDG Pam Nichols
- Granville Lions Club**

AND many many prizes still to come (and are welcomed!!!)

Farrar Steckley Raffle Tickets – Drawing held during weekend May 3-5, 2019

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Featured items for Farrar Steckley Memorial Raffle

Lucy Night Table donated by Ethan Allen Furniture via Orleans Lions Club

Telescope Patio Furniture set donated by Granville Lions Club

Arrangements for delivery of both will be made, see VDG Ken Emery

*** Please note. items shown are SAMPLES ONLY, items delivered might be different***



Lucy Night Table | Ethan Allen Wood Night Tables | Ethan Allen

Dimensions: 24" w x 29" h x 17" d



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New England Lions Council Spring Meeting

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Alpine Grove Banquet Facility

19 South Depot Road

Hollis NH 03049

10:15 a.m. Registration
 10:30 a.m. Session: Gender Awareness - PDG Joe Wilson, District 45
 11:00 a.m. To be determined
 11:30 a.m. Guest Speaker - ID Mark Lyon
 Noon Lunch: Hot and Cold Buffet Luncheon - \$20 NELC members, \$25 non-members
 1:15 p.m. NELC Meeting
 3:00 p.m. End of meeting

Safe travels to all going to Milan

See all in 2019 - 2020

*****REGISTRATION*****

NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____ POSITION: _____

NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____ POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Email address: _____

Please indicate: NELC Member _____ Not NELC Member _____

Luncheon @ \$20 NELC / \$25 non-NELC	Number attending _____	Total \$ _____
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Attending but no lunch - \$5 registration	Number attending _____	Total: \$ _____
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TOTAL DUE		\$ _____
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*** Dietary special requirements: _____ ***

Make check payable to: NELC and mail to: New England Lions Council
 C S / T Bill Donnellan
 11 Addington Circle
 East Weymouth MA 02189

Phone: 617-840-5974

Email: wmpd8@aol.com

Registration deadline (mail / email / phone): Sunday, May 26, 2019

