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More than 750 Vermont Lions now get this by Email. Those who get it on email, do not get a paper copy. We have been working hard to get all the email addresses of our Vermont Lions. It is saving the District thousands of dollars and the volunteers a lot of time. **Notice: The deadline for the next issue is May 20.**
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The word from D. G.

Lion Bruce Bushey:

The Honorary Committee told me last summer that my year would zoom by fast. According to those PDG's - a good year just flies by! My year has just flown. We are rapidly approaching the spring District 45 Convention and election of the new District Governor. My Communiqué team presents this issue with all the information on the spring convention. Larry Simino and Clem Cardinal have the arrangements all made. We'll be having a great time at Stratton Mountain Resort, May 14 – 16..

Another one of my teams came through in January. The LCIF Super Raffle team, headed by Edgar Maskell, raised over \$11,000. There will be another big Melvin Jones luncheon at convention with the District presenting at least 11 new Melvin Jones Fellowships to our members.

The Orientation and Retention meeting, hosted by Barre Lions, was well attended with 26 members. There were discussions on how to keep those new members we bring in. Communication is the key word. Communicate with those new Lions and get them busy in Lionism as soon as they become members. Give them a reason to attend meetings and participate in activities.

Tom Broughton's team earned bragging rights for the "best new program" for District 45 Lions; the ***Food from the Heart*** program is rated excellent. At the last count, more than 21,000 pounds of food was donated to area food-shelf facilities; along with more than \$10,000 in cash. Twenty-one clubs have participated and a couple more have indicated they will participate a little later.

The Manchester Lions team has chartered their new **Long Trail Leo Club**, the second such club for the Manchester area. Congratulations to the Manchester Lions and District Leo Club chair Pam Nichols for their success with this wonderful program for our youth.

Our application to Lions Quest for a grant to assist in developing this program in the Rutland area was successful. Our Lions Quest Advisory Committee has received an LCIF Core 4 Grant in the amount of \$17,180 to expand Lions Quest in Vermont District 45. Lion George Bilodeau and his team are making great efforts on behalf of our District to improve the life choices of our young people.

This is the month for all clubs to have nominations and election of officers for 2010 – 2011. Club secretaries are responsible for sending LCI the



so-called **PU 101**. This is the notice of election of the executive officers that goes to Lions Club International. It is due in before the end of April. At the same time, a copy of this form needs to be sent to your CST (Mike O'Daniel), VDG (Sherry Lee Juaire) and myself.

We are Helen Keller's Knights of the Blind. Let us keep the challenge.

TAX Time for Lions Clubs Too!

Yes, according to tax accountant Lion Kerry Claffey of CopperHill Tax Services and the Strafford Lions Club. In the past only non-profit organizations with more than \$25,000 income had to file tax forms every year. A new law requires every non-profit to file a yearly IRS form to maintain its non-profit status – no matter how small its income.

Clubs with more than \$25,000 income need to file Form 990 or 990EZ. Clubs with less than \$25,000 income must file a new Form 990-N, also known as the E-Postcard Form.

Lion Kerry has volunteered to advise and assist District 45 Lions Club officers in filing the needed forms. He will file the 990-N form for any club for free. Contact Lion Kerry Claffey at copperHill@myfairpoint.net.

Lion Claffey has checked the IRS website and found that about half of the District 45 Lions Clubs have filed their required forms for the past year. He has set a personal goal of having all Vermont Lions Clubs up-to-date with their tax filings by June 1. He'll be contacting you club soon, or you should contact him to start the process and be ahead of the game. More information on the required tax forms can be found on the Lions Club International web site at:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/epostcard.pdf>.

Lion Alan Pinder, a Springfield Lion since 1953, was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce in January. Lion Alan owned a Main Street store for many years and was known as "The Mayor of Main Street." Lion John Sinclair said at the presentation, "There isn't a day goes by without Alan doing good deeds for others."

Lions Twin State Soccer

The 2010 Twin State Soccer Tournament will be held on July 17 at Castleton State College. Lions Twin State Soccer is a major contributor to Vermont Lions Charities and the NH Sight & Hearing Foundation. A letter has been sent to all our clubs seeking sponsorship of the athletes. Housing, feeding the players for three days, use of Castleton facilities and personnel costs over \$200 per athlete. We are asking \$200 in sponsorship for each player.

Also, we need to sell ads in the Lions Twin State Soccer Program and help is needed from each club. It's a good opportunity to visit with possible sponsors that could become Lions.

Now is the time to include LTSSA in your budget for 2010-11. A realistic goal might be \$500 to \$1000, depending on the size of your club and community. You are asked to make that commitment when making the club budget.

For more information contact Lion Ody Laroche, Vice President of LTSSA at 802.796.3986 or ody_laroche@hotmail.com.

Food from the Heart, Springfield

These Springfield Lions worked hard on collecting food and dollars for *Food from the Heart*. Barbara



Parker reported her club collected 1000 pounds of food and over \$500 in cash. The Lions pictured here are Mike Martin, Chris Collins, Barb

Parker, Debbie Ankuda, Woody Stoddard and event chair, Cindy Gagnier.

Since the February e-Communiqué reports have come in from Windsor with 400 lbs and \$534; Norwich with 450 lbs and \$500; Route 100 with 1500 lbs and \$150; Orleans with 1500 lbs; Manchester with 600 lbs and \$176; and Valley Club with \$2000 cash.

VT Lions Pin Raffle for Austine

This Vermont Lions Club pin collection is being raffled off to benefit the Austine/Green Mountain Lions Camp bath house project. Lion Bruce Savery says there are 191 pins in the frame; tickets are \$5.00 each and available from committee members



or Lion Bruce Savery, chair of the committee. Contact Lion Bruce at threem@vermontel.net or 802.875.2990. The

drawing will be held at the D-45 convention at Stratton Mountain Resort.

Great PR Idea from Readsboro Lions

In 2007 the Readsboro Lions came up with a great for public relations idea for their club. Lions



Al Scaia and Ernest Bolognani developed the idea, implementing it each year. The Lions install a Lions tent in the local cemetery each year the weekend before Memorial Day.

The concept is to provide those decorating the grave sites of their deceased with an opportunity to socialize and enjoy free coffee and treats. It gives the folks a chance to visit and catch up on happenings in town, and, in some cases, see folks they haven't seen in many years. Club members staff the tent from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm each day on Thursday through Sunday. The goodies are donated by local citizens wishing to help.

Colchester Helps VT Lions Charities



Lion Marie Minor and friends of the Colchester Lions have made a beautiful quilt to be raffled; benefitting Vermont

Lions Charities. The 96 X 72 "Rose Trellis" patterned quilt will be raffled on May 15 at the convention at Stratton Mountain Resort. Tickets will be available at the convention or by contacting Lion Ken Emery (doogle@surfglobal.net) or any Colchester Lion. The quilt comes with a matching set of pillows.

Coming and Going in District 45



The Springfield Lions Club welcomed six new Lions recently. We look forward to lots of activity from new Lions Jay Young, Mary Lou Fischer, Carol Hakey, Gerry Mittica, Paul Gibbs

and Chris Collins.

At Brandon Forest Dale, new Lion Bruce Blanch was inducted by DG Bruce Bushey.

Middlebury Lions inducted Lion Julie Scribner. Kathryn Parker of Florence was inducted by the Pittsford Lions.

Enosburg Falls brought in four new members, Luke Parker, Thomas Bates, Susan Vaillancort, and Karoline Flower. Enosburg is growing by leaps and bounds.

The Vergennes Lions received sad news in early February. Many will remember their long time member, and candidate for District Governor in 1972, Lion John L. Quesnel, 92. He had lived in Florida for many years where he was a transfer member to his local Lions Club in Barefoot Bay, Florida. Vergennes also lost a long time member in late February when Lion John Kipp, 84, passed away. They will both be deeply missed by their loving families and all their Lion friends.

55th Annual

VT D-45 Lions Convention Stratton Mountain Resort Stratton Mountain, VT **May 14, 15 & 16**

Convention Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 14

2 – 6 pm, Registration & check in, Lobby
6 – 7 pm, Social Hour and Attitude Adjustment
7 pm, PDG's Buffet Dinner with
International Director Jerry Smith

Saturday, May 15

7:30 – 11 am, Registration & check in, Lobby
7:30 – 9 am, Breakfast Buffet at Bentleys
9:15 – 11:15 am, D-45 Business Meeting
11:30 – 1 pm, Melvin Jones Luncheon
1:30 – 6 pm, Enjoy Stratton Mountain, Shopping
in Manchester, see the sights
6 pm – 7 pm, Social Hour, cash bar
7 pm – District Governor's Banquet, Green
Mountain Room, ID Jerry Smith, Guest
Speaker

Sunday, May 16

8:30 am – Lions Memorial Service-Wentworth
9:30 am – D.G. elect Brunch at Bentleys

Vermont Lions Charities Report

The Vermont Lions Charities committee has been kept busy with many requests for assistance. We have been able to fund them all as follows:

- \$2000 for the VT State Music Festival.
- \$1200 to Swanton-Missisquoi Club to help with eye glasses requests.
- \$300 each to Readsboro Club and Troy & Area Club to help with eye glasses outside of their area.
- \$550 to help a single mom from Vergennes to attend a conference on Albinism.
- \$5700 to match an LCIF grant for Lions Quest educational development in the Rutland area (see page 1). Several clubs have donated to help. More help is needed.

VLC needs everyone's help raising the needed funds, by personal contributions to VLC, club contributions or special club projects. The Colchester Club quilt raffle is a good example on how to participate.

The third annual Walk-a-thon for Vermont Lions Charities will take place on May 8 at the Rutland Fair facility. Last year the event raised over \$14,000, let's keep it growing. It's easy and fun too. Ask your friends, your boss, your family for contributions to sponsor you and walk for VLC.

A special incentive is a drawing for flat screen television. Anyone raising more than \$100 in sponsorship will qualify for the drawing.

A very special thanks to my officers, who are all very dedicated to the needs of Vermont Lions and Vermonters, especially my partner in life and community service, Lion Jackie.

Lion Rick Datil, President

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it."

Helen Keller

DG Bushey wrote on January 21....

"As Lion Debbie and I can attest, our Lion friends across the world have become part of our extended family, through gatherings such as the Vermont Lions Super Raffle. Bill Wetherbee, and his staff, served us a phenomenal meal. Even as I write this, I can taste the delicious roast beef with a bit of horse-radish on the side.

"Then it was on to the Super Raffle itself, a huge fundraiser for LCIF. We are honored to be able to help raise money, helping out around the world eradicate blindness. The room was packed, excitement was in the air, as losers and winners were announced.

"Lions PDG Edgar Maskell, PDG Merry Souza and VDG Sherry worked hard to make the Super Raffle a success. The result was a net of \$11,000.00 dollars for the Lions Club International Foundation. Melvin Jones Fellowships will be presented at the MJF luncheon at spring convention.

"The Grand Prize of \$2000.00 was won by the Vergennes Club. The club purchases several Super Raffle tickets each year, this year it paid off big for the Vergennes club and their community."



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Spring Convention

Stratton Mountain Resort

May 14, 15 and 16, 2010

Meals Only Reservation Form



Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____ e-mail: _____

Please indicate which meals you will be attending and how many will be in your party. Add the total charges and mail this form with your check payable to **VT Lions D-45** no later than May 1, 2010 to: ***CST Mike O'Daniel, 25 Hopkins Road, Vergennes, VT 05491.***

Reserve _____ Friday Night Dinner @ \$40 per Total \$ _____

Reserve _____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$18 per Total \$ _____

Reserve _____ Saturday Lunch @ \$24 per Total \$ _____

Reserve _____ Saturday Banquet @ \$45 per Total \$ _____

Reserve _____ Sunday Brunch @ \$42 per Total \$ _____

Make check Payable to ***VT Lions D-45***.....Total \$ _____



Vermont Lions D-45 Spring Convention

Stratton Mountain Resort

May 14, 15 and 16, 2010

Overnight Guest Reservation Form

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Choose **ONE** of the following rooms and meals packages:

All meals are buffet style with many choices and should accommodate most special dietary needs.

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| Lodging Fri & Sat with all meals except Friday Dinner | single \$299.00 _____ double \$432.00 _____ |
| Lodging Fri & Sat with all meals including Friday Dinner | single \$338.00 _____ double \$510.00 _____ |
| Lodging Fri only with Sat Breakfast & Lunch | single \$137.00 _____ double \$190.00 _____ |
| Lodging Fri only with Fri Dinner & Sat Breakfast & Lunch | single \$176.00 _____ double \$268.00 _____ |
| Lodging Sat only with Sat Lunch & Dinner & Sun Brunch | single \$199.00 _____ double \$316.00 _____ |

Reservation deadline is **May 1, 2010**. All room and meal package reservations should be made using this form and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100. Make check payable to **Stratton Mountain Resort**. Final payment is due upon arrival, cash or credit card. Reservation forms should be mailed or faxed to:

Stratton Mountain Resort
Attention: Sue Nicodemus
5 Village Lodge Road
Stratton Mountain, VT 05155

Phone 1-800-787-2886
Phone 1-802-297-6421
Fax 1-802-297-4125

Check enclosed for \$ _____

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In the amount of \$ _____ (minimum deposit \$100.00)

Signature _____