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*Happy Holidays
to all from your District 45 Leaders:*

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District 45 Cabinet Members



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Treasurer' Corner

It is hard to believe that December is already here – Thanksgiving has passed and the Christmas Holidays are almost upon us. For many people, this is also the time of giving to their favorite charity. Before someone makes a donation to your Lions Club, there are a few things that you need to know.

There are many types of non-profit organizations. Generally only donations to charities, non-profits with an IRS designation of 501(c)3, are tax deductible to the donor. **Lions Clubs are NOT classified as charities, they are non-profit social clubs**, with the IRS designation of 501(c)4, therefore, donations made to your Lions Club are NOT deductible to the donor:

<http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Other-Non-Profits/Donations-to-Section-501%28c%29%284%29-Organizations>

Although some try to argue that donations for “Charitable and Community Projects” run by Lions Clubs should be tax deductible, materials from LCI make it clear that these donations are not:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/tax_reg_lions.pdf
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/tax_disclose.pdf

What is a Lions Club to do when it raises funds for a Charitable or Community project or is offered a large donation? To make these donations tax deductible, all a club needs to do is partner with Vermont Lions Charities. Vermont Lions Charities, Inc. is classified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3), and as such can accept tax deductible donations for projects that they sponsor or co-sponsor. To talk with Vermont Lions Charities about co-sponsoring a club project, contact VLC President DG Ken Emery (kpemery1960@gmail.com), Incoming VLC President Lion Phylis Porio, and VLC Treasurer Lion Woody Stoddard (mygabob@vermontel.net).

If you have any questions about donations to your club or other tax related issues, feel free to contact me.

Lion Kerry (copperhill@myfairpoint.net)

District 45 Calendar

December 2014	
11	Region 2 Lion, The General is at Pittsford. They will host a dinner, costing \$10 at the Pittsford Congregational Church at 6pm on December 11th. Contact Bruce Curtis at bcurtis59@yahoo.com or by phone at 802-282-5558. Please contact by November 28th.
13	DVAS 10th Annual Community Soup Festival. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Barre Old Labor Hall, 46 Granite Street, Barre, Vt, Adults \$10 Children 10 and under - Free. Fresh Homemade Soups, Silent Auction. Sponsored by Williston Lions Club. Call Lion Gia Amorese 802-734-4319 for more information.
29	Colchester Lions Club Christmas Tree Sales – Nov 29th – Dec 22 (or until sold out) Colchester Lions Club, XMAS Tree Sales, Victory Sports, Prim Road, Colchester VT, For more information contact Lion Al Buchana at alan.buchanan@comcast.net .
January 2014	
17	January Cabinet Meeting –Hotel Coolidge in White River Junction, early registration ends January 10th. See insert for more details. Contact is lionloreen2007@gmail.com

Peace Poster Contest Winners



1st Place – Essex Jct. Lions Club



2nd Place – Colchester Lions Club



3rd Place – Brandon – Forest Dale, Enosburg Falls, and Georgia Lions Clubs

The Orleans Lions will be busy month throughout the month of December!

Here are some of their efforts:

- Eye glass collection project with students from Irasburg Elementary
- Auction to benefit the Warm the Children program - part of their Club's Christmas party festivities and typically raises **more than a thousand dollars** for this good cause
- Annual Children's Christmas Variety Show with Santa approximately 150 children attend with parents/adults

NELC Necrology Service held end of October



District Governors of New England remembering one of their own, DG Tom Sullivan of District 33 Y who passed away this past fall.

PDG Bob Wilcox, NELC Secretary / Treasurer and District Governor Ken Emery remembering Lions of Vermont who passed away representing over 600 years of service.



Annual Vermont Lions Charities Business Meeting

The annual Vermont Lions Charities Business meeting was held as part of the 2014 Vermont Lions District 45 Fall Conference, Saturday November 8 at the Hampton Inn, Colchester, Vermont..

I would like to congratulate Lion Phylis Porio of the Norshaft Lions Club who was voted as VLC President for the term of 2015 - 2017 and to Lion Lyle Remick of the Georgia Lions Club who was voted as VLC Secretary for 2015. I would also like to say thank you to Lion David LaRose, Essex Jct. Lions Club (Region 1) and Lion Jackie Dutil, Brandon Forest Dale Lions Club (Region 2) for accepting role of Director for their respective Regions to the VLC Board.

VLC President DG Ken Emery provided a retrospective of the past year of Vermont Lions Charities activities, ranging from the various fund raisers VLC held or held on its behalf to the service needs that VLC met throughout the state. It has been a successful year with VLC continuing to meet its obligations of meeting the needs of the clubs of Vermont Lions District 45 and the residents of the Sate of Vermont. Ken presented a token of appreciation to the board members in attendance for their dedicated support and also presented Certificate of Appreciation to those who have helped VLC in the past year.

At the meeting of VLC board held as part of the daylong activities, the board approved its continued support of VABVI in the amount of \$1,500.00, the Nellie Hart Memorial Award program and a Vermont Lions District 45 club who needed additional support for eyeglass assistance for local residents. It is also supporting the Vision Screening program that is being established by PDG Ken Millay of the Springfield Lions Club with \$22,500 to purchase 3 additional sets of equipment to be used by the Regions of Vermont Lions District 45. I would also like to say THANK YOU to the Castleon Lions Club and King Lion Scott Welch for its donation of \$2,625 to be used toward the purchase of such equipment. The drawing of the VLC "October Cash-fest" Raffle were held. List of winners is provided elsewhere in this issue of the District Communique. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets but more importantly, thank you to everyone who sold tickets as well.

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of VLC for the past three years. Looking forward to working with the new VLC Board of Directors for the coming years.

In Lionism

DG Ken Emery
VLC President 2012 - 2014



Lions Gia Amorese, Jeanne Daniele, Joyce Potenzano choose winners at their Outdoor Sports Raffle.

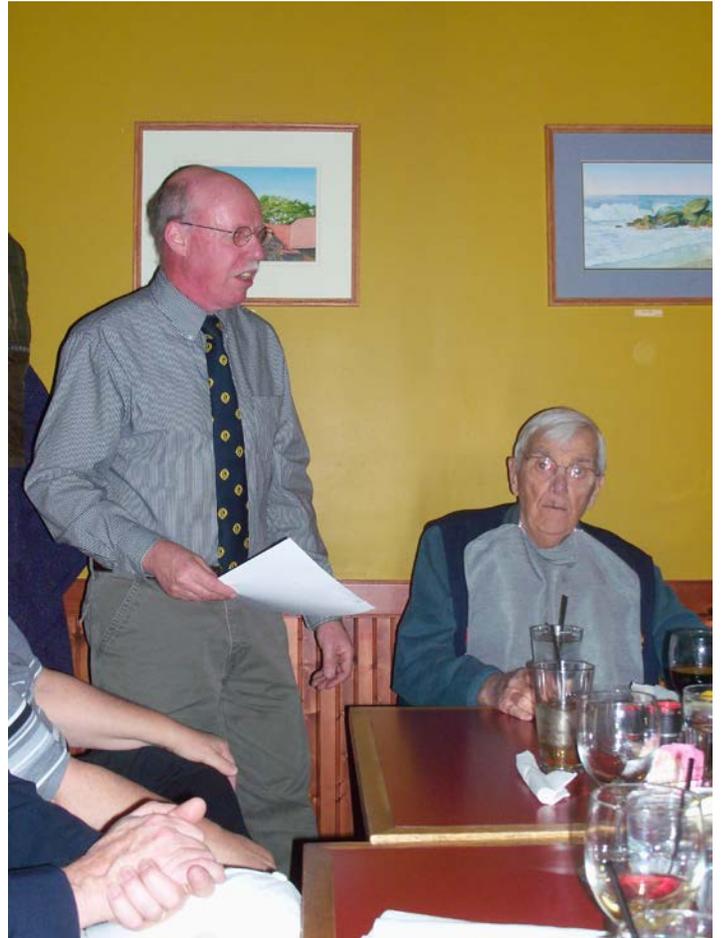
Please note that Williston Lions Club is now meeting at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7415 Williston Road in Williston.

Lion Dana Goodnow named Melvin Jones Fellowship

submitted by Lion Carol Greene, Secretary Heartland Lions Club



The Heartland Lions Club was joined by Vermont Lions DG Ken Emery and Past District Governor Melvin Coburn, family and friend in honoring Lion Dana Goodnow of Tunbridge as the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award on Monday 3 November 2014 at Five Olde Tavern and Grill in South Royalton. King Lion Walter Hastings presented Goodnow with his 25 year membership pin and Lion Bob Sponable presented him with the Melvin Jones plaque and pin. Goodnow was praised as “someone that you could always depend on, who has always been very supportive.” He has been involved with the eyeglass program and lottery redraw for the Heartland Lions Club.



Traveling Lion

Heartland Lions Club lost Chucky the traveling lion to Strafford Lions on Monday 17 November 2014 – they were sad to see him leave but understand he is up again for adoption on Monday 1 December 2014. Watch out Strafford Lions! (note: Picture of Chucky is from the Fall Cabinet Meeting)

Lions Club Brings Spot Vision Screening to Springfield

The Springfield Lions Club, through the generosity of Lion Stan Patch, has a new Spot Vision Screening Device and has set to work screening children in Springfield. Elm Hill School students and Union Street School students have been screened with plans in place to screen students at the middle school, high school, Gateway and the early childhood program.

Springfield Lions Club Spot Vision Team; Joe Wilson, Bob Fog, Ken Millay and Woody Stoddard have worked hard to bring this long-overdue vision screening to Springfield. For over 150 years vision screening has been performed by using a series of charts. While the charts have worked reasonably well, Spot Vision Screening has brought many new features and advantages to the screening process. A hand held camera like device captures images of the eyes in about 1 second. Spot vision screens for near- and far-sightedness, unequal refractive power, eye structure problems, pupil size deviations and eye misalignment. The device is able to determine if there is a possible problem immediately and advise that a complete eye exam be performed. Spot Vision can screen patients ages 6 months through adult. Patients do not need to be able to read or speak so it is easily used with non-verbal children. This is important because vision problems can be detected early and possibly corrected.

Approximately 260 Elm Hill students were screened in about 6 hours by three of Spot Vision Team members. When asked how it went, Lion Joe, Lion Woody and Lion Ken couldn't say enough nice things about the youngsters. The children were "a delight", "very curious" and "very polite". The school and staff were described as "fully engaged, delightful and interested, they kept things moving for us and it was obvious that we were in a vibrant, nurturing environment".

The Springfield Lions Club has been getting inquiries from nearby towns about the Spot Vision Camera. Vermont Lions Charities will be looking into acquiring more cameras for the state. Each camera costs about seven thousand dollars and the Lions Club is hoping to get corporate sponsors and help from Vermonters to enable more Lions Clubs to conduct school screenings. If you have questions about Springfield Lions Club, Spot Vision Screening or if you are interested in becoming a member contact Dan Gauvreau at 802-281-9946 or email dang123321@yahoo.com.





The Essex Jct. Lions present a \$500 check to the VFW Post 6689 for Thanksgiving turkeys for the troops and their families. From left to right: Lion Past District Governor Betsy MaGee, Tammie Schmitt, Vt. National Guard Survivor Outreach Services, Ellen Polanshek VFW Post 6689 Ladie's Auxiliary President, Lion President Mary Tewarson, Lion Treasurer Fern Henson.



Readsboro Lions' Joe Walsh is presented with an Appreciation award for his 35 years as "Chief Chef" for the annual Seniors Christmas party put on by the Readsboro Lions Club. Presenters are Lions Eunice Crowell, PG Carrier, Brian Bouker & Ernie Bolognani.

Traveling Lions

Traveling Lion information is provided by Traveling Lion Chair Sandra Brutkoski

District Lion, Lucky was delivered to Readsboro, information will be forthcoming when the next delivery or dinner has been decided.

Region 1, Tucky, Lion will be available January 28th at The Essex. Social hour at 6 pm and dinner and meeting at 6:30 pm. Buffet, inclusive of tax and tip is \$20. Contact Lion Betsy at LionBetsy2000@yahoo.com or at 802-878-9845.



Region 2 Lion, The General is at Pittsford. They will host a dinner, costing \$10 at the Pittsford Congregational Church at 6pm on December 11th. Contact Bruce Curtis at bcurtis59@yahoo.com or by phone at 802-282-5558. Please contact ASAP.

Region 3, Chucky, is/was available on December 1st at the Strafford Club. Await plans for future capture date.

And Region 4, is offering Bucky up for capture and travel at the Barre Lions Club and we await plans for his future travel information.

The rule is to give the Host Club 72 hours notice of the number of guests planning to attend. It is the Host Club who reports the points for those clubs who came to capture their Lion. They should report the points, figured from the mileage chart, at the D45 web site. Multiply one-way mileage times the number of Lions traveling. 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

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

Region 1

Essex	690
Colchester	29
Williston	24
Jericho – Underhill	18

Region 2

Brandon – Forest Dale	431
Pittsford	26

Region 3

Heartland	762
Springfield	478
Strafford	360
Norwich	180

Region 4

Orleans	200
Barre	110



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2014 October 'Cash-fest' Raffle Winners

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\$200.00	Asa Wilson Jr.	Richford
\$200.00	Marble Valley Lions Club	
\$200.00	Ann Conelli	South Strafford
\$200.00	Derby Lions Club	
\$25.00	Doris Wheelock	Bolton
\$25.00	Jackie Dutil	Brandon
\$50.00	Charlie Virgil	Chimayo N.M.
\$75.00	Brian Johnson	Strafford
\$25.00	Kerry Ryan	Bennington
\$25.00	PDG Nick Monte	Arlington
\$25.00	Sandra Brynnon	Jericho
\$25.00	Cheryl Brush	White River Jct.
\$25.00	Frank Poole	Springfield
\$50.00	Phylis Porio	Shaftsbury
\$75.00	Irma Erngoog	New Preston Ct
\$25.00	Derby Lions Club	
\$25.00	Ron Porio	Red Banks N.J.
\$25.00	PDK Ken Ellis	So. Hadley, Ma
\$100.00	PDG Clem Cardinal	Essex Jct.
\$100.00	Kelly Treonxe	Hillsborough N.J.
\$100.00	Phil Harmon	Stafford
\$100.00	Derby Lions Club	
\$25.00	Bruce Lavigne	Shaftsbury
\$50.00	Manchester Lions Club	
\$75.00	Colchester Lions Club	
\$25.00	Ron Porio	Red Banks N.J.
\$25.00	Jim Wilson	Strafford
\$25.00	Don Welch	Middlebury
\$25.00	Kelly Treonxe	Hillsborough N.J.
\$25.00	Sheila Cavanaugh	Colchester
\$50.00	PDG Clem Cardinal	Essex Jct.
\$75.00	Bob Cauden	Boston MA
\$25.00	David LaRose	Essex Jct.
\$25.00	Amey Ryan	Salisbury
\$25.00	Bruce Murtaugh	Manchester Center
\$25.00	Kim Bates	Enosburg
\$200.00	Bruce Murtaugh	Manchester Center



**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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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



60 Years of Service Celebration
3rd Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, January 17, 2015
Hotel Coolidge
39 South Main Street
White River Jct., Vermont

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

Please not any special dietary needs: _____

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Deadline for \$20 registration fee
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Registration after January 10 to day of event \$25.

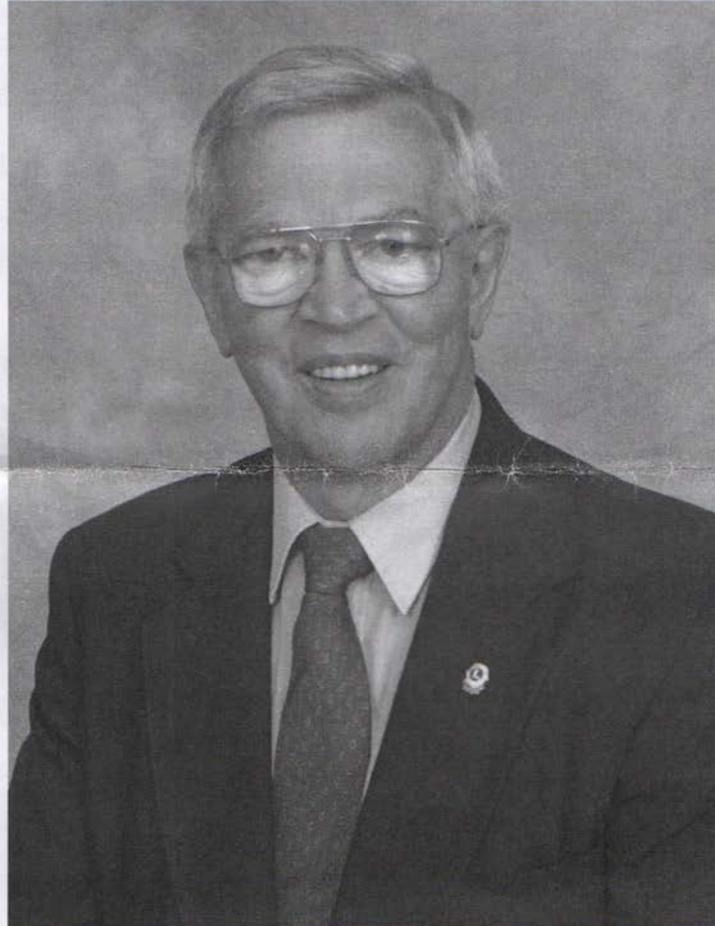
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Rooms are available for \$89 (single), \$99 (double) - Queen
\$99 (single), \$109 (double) - King
Make reservations directly (no online deals)
with Hotel Coolidge 802-295-3118.

In Loving Memory of

Jules Coté



September 10, 1936 – November 17, 2014

In Memory of all Vermont Lions, Family and Friends who have passed away this month:

Past International Director Jules Cote, Lion Jeannette Cole-Rowe, Lion Dana Goodnow,
Lion Bob Silvester, Lion Ed Sossi and Lion Valerie Poremski and others.

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