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A Message to District 45 from Vice District Governor Pam Nichols - *DG Ken is taking this month off to allow the District to hear from VDG Pam. Will be back next month so please enjoy the following message from VDG Pam*

I am so blessed to be your Vice District Governor. I am learning so much in this process! Thank you all for the honor of allowing me the opportunity to learn while I serve.

The thing that I have found so amazing in this journey is the different ways we ALL serve! Whether it's a fundraiser that you have done for a long time or something new that you are just beginning, your hearts are all in the right places.

It is so hard for the long time lion to change and I applaud those of you that have allowed changes in your clubs to happen!

For those who have a hard time with that remember one day long ago you were new, and your club allowed you to have your ideas and grow as a lion!

At the May convention the International Director was amazing, the thing I will always remember is something he said at the beginning of the meeting: LEAVE YOUR EGO AT THE DOOR. I Love this, it is WE SERVE, NOT I SERVE!

I hope for you and your clubs you can have an open mind and invite many to join you in the wonderful journey of being a member of this amazing organization.

Think also of District Leadership; we need you, we need your ideas, we need your enthusiasm, we need your love of being a LION, and we need you to teach the newbie's to be the best Lion they can be.

Thank you for all you do.

I look forward to your excitement as I go into my District Governor year.

Yours in Service Vice D.G. Lion Pam Nichols

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Happy Cyclists enjoying HLBT 2014

The Whitingham-Halifax Lions hosted the 3rd annual Hungry Lion Bike Tour, starting from Town Hill in Whitingham, on Saturday Sept. 27. Dozens of cyclists came from near and away, raising thousands to fund Holiday Baskets, a hunger relief program the Lions have been doing locally for decades. The Holiday Baskets project puts food in the cupboards of many in the Deerfield Valley during the Holidays, when it is needed most.



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Next year's HLBT will be held on Sept. 26, 2015. See www.hungrylionbiketour.com for more information.





Vergennes Lions Club celebrated their 60th Anniversary in October

Saturday evening at the Basin Harbor Club, International Director Ed Farrington and King Lion Tim Cowan present International Lions Club Certificate of Appreciation to Charter Member Bob Barrows for his 60 years of community service through the Lions Club.

Lions Tom Maroni, Barbara Birch, PG Carrier, Eunice Crowell, Nelson Rix, Ernie Bolognani and guests Peg Maroni & Dody Carrier visited Lion Richard Murdock at the rehab ctr in Bennington Sept., 28th and presented Richard with a Lions 50 .years of service pin. Brenda Holland, Richards sister was also in attendance.



District 45 Calendar

November 2014	
1	Peace Poster Entry Deadline
4	District Lion Lucky will be available on November 4th at the VFW at 6 pm in Springfield. Cost is \$12. Contact before Oct. 31st...."call before going out to trick or treat", said Lion John Sprague. Contact jsprague65@gmail.com. Phone # is 802-674-5046.
4	Region 4, is offering Bucky up for capture and travel at the Barre Lions Club at their regular meeting on November 4th. The Barre Club meets at the Hilltop Restaurant. Contact the secretary, Christina at tinagolon@comcast.net or at 802-223-5893.
8	Fall Conference, Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT. Watch for information to be distributed mid-September.
8	VLC Cash-fest Raffle Drawings. Please contact DG Ken Emery or any VLC board member for more information.
8	Vermont Lions District 45 LCIF Super Raffle, Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT. Please contact PID Tom Broughton or the LCIF Super Raffle committee for more information.
15	All Club Treasurers: Deadline to file appropriate 990 form with IRS
17	Region 3, Chucky, can be captured on November 17th at the Heartland Club. There will be dinner off the menu at the Olde Tavern Grill in South Royalton. Meet at the South Royalton school at 6:30 pm. Contact Bill Ballou at cballou@hotmail.com or by phone a 802-763-7106 by 11/13/14.
24	Region 1, Tucky is available November 24th at 7 pm at the Underhill Town Hall at Underhill Center. Contact Lion Kendal Holden at tadpolekho@aol.com or by phone at 802-899-2514.
29	Country Craft Fair - hosted by St. Johnsbury Area Lions Club. St. Johnsbury Academy Field House. 1000 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.. Contact person - King Lion Patricia Johnston-McWilliams, 802-274-3543. Crafters from around the area with everything from jewelry to wood carved items. Come and do your holiday shopping!
29	Colchester Lions Club Christmas Tree Sales – Nov 29 th – 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 .
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Corrections and Updates to the Vermont Lions Clubs District 45 Directory and Handbook

Please update the **NorShaft Lions Club** information in your District 45 Directory & Handbook on pages 32 and 33.

Pres: Liz Fenwick's address is PO Box 168 North Bennington, VT 05257

Sec: Phylis Porio's phone is 442-0380

M'ship: Nancy Merritt's e-mail is nmerritt53@yahoo.com

Brattleboro Area Lions Club – New Meeting Location: The Gathering Place, 30 Terrace Street, Brattleboro, VT (pg 24)

St. Johnsbury Area Lions Club – King Lions Patricia Johnston-McWilliams phone is 802-274-3543 (pg 37)

Zone 4 – Lion Rick Theken phone is 802-479-9002 (pg 7)

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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	640 points
Colchester	444 points
Brandon-Forestdale	200 points
Pittsford	64 points
Jericho Underhill	56 points
Williston	20 points

Region I	
Essex	463 points
Williston	24 points
Jericho Underhill	18 points
Colchester	15 points

Region 2	
Brandon-Forestdale	431 points
Pittsford	26 points

Region 3	
Heartland	562 points
Stafford	305 points
Norwich	180 points
Springfield	102 points

Region 4	
Orleans	200 points
Barre	112 points

Report of Zone 2-C Meeting
October 16, 2014
Chauncey's Restaurant in Arlington

Three Clubs attended the meeting. Arlington-4, Bennington-3, Norshaft -3 and VDG Pam Nichols. The Clubs organized several fundraisers and services during July, August & September.

Arlington Club: Received all M&A reports. The Club is working hard to build again. The fundraiser in July was the basket bingo. Members worked very hard to collect the beautiful donated baskets. It was a fun evening. Added a new member in August and the induction ceremony was by PDG Stan Patch. 31 glasses were collected and sent to Lens Crafters. It is the plan of the Club to raise funds to repair the tennis and basketball courts at the Recreation Park. Will be placing Christmas Lights in Arlington during November and the lighting event will be Dec. 6.

Bennington Lions Club: Received M&A reports and club members remain at 26. 4 members helped prepare and serve lunch for the older students at the Austine Green Mountain Camp. 3 members attended the Organizational Meeting at the Camp. During the month of July 18 members were out selling ads for the 2014 Car Show Program. 26 members attended our Club Summer Picnic. Aug. 30th and 31st Bennington Garlic Festival served approximately 800 people from our food concession trailer. 21 Lions worked a total of 63 hours. All ads were due on 8/15 and 200 hours of time worked. Five Lions also volunteered a total of 16 hours during Sept. 13 & 14 at the Car Show. Plans to host Veterans at our Nov. dinner meeting and Diabetes Screening Nov. 15.

Norshaft Lions Club: Received all reports and 63 members as of Sept. Five members donated 60 hours of time to build a ramp for a disabled former club member. Two members went to Austine Green Mountain Camp to greet young campers and present them with a young stuffed lion. One member went to the Fishing Derby to help bait hooks. In August Norshaft had a BBQ and Club Chipping Contest for funding Administrative Fund and 20 members participated. They also built a float and walked in the Bennington Battle Day parade and invited other Lions Clubs to join them. During the 2014 Car Show Lions ran the food concession and 35 members worked a total of 60 hours. Plans for October is the Octoberfest which is a very large event that is located at Colgate Park in Bennington. The Norshaft Lions do excellent fundraisers but also perform many services in the surrounding areas.

Not only did I receive information from the Meeting but also from all the reports I received. I am very proud of my Zone 2-C area. A summer of great events.

Kathy Gallett

Zone 2-C Chair

Heartland Lions Club

The Heartland Lions Club worked at the Sheep & Wool Festival at the Tunbridge Fair Grounds serving food. They also captured Chucky the traveling lion from Norwich. The capture date will be Monday, 17 November. We're not ready to lose him again!



Zone 1B Report

Colchester: After a busy summer, the club just completed a diabetes screening at Colchester's Community Wellness Fair and Harvest Dinner. The club sponsored the All Strings Marionette presentation of "Bully! For The Three Pigs". We are hopeful this event will grow more each year as will the club's involvement.

November 5th the club will provide our annual luncheon for the PALS group at the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

We are also gearing up for our annual Christmas Tree Sales fundraiser; which starts the last weekend in November.

Essex Junction: After another successful, busy 10 days at the food booth at the fair, the club continue to serve the community in many ways. This weekend assisting at the open house for the Police Department, assisting with blizzard bags (we all know winter is en-evidibly coming!) and they have been busy at the annual fund raiser at the fall craft show.

Hinesburg: The club had a busy summer with the Farmers Market and are continuing with an inside Farmers Market for the fall/ winter months.

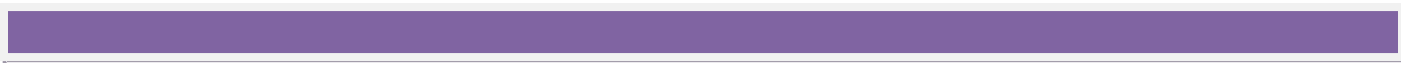
Jericho/Underhill: The club just completed peeling "oodles" of onions for the Harvest Market at their onion ring booth; selling pies for the holidays (the count is currently at 141), a recent blood drive where they reached their goal for blood donations, and just distributed 87 dictionaries to 3 rd graders!

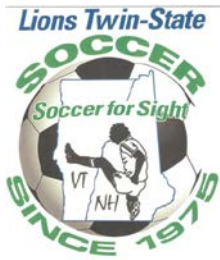
Williston: The club has been and is busy selling raffle tickets for their annual all sports raffle event.

Good luck to all clubs and keep up the great work as you all continue to serve your communities and beyond. You all make me proud to be a member of the Lion family.

Thank you!

Lion Carmelita
Zone 1B chair





Lions Twin State Soccer Association, Inc.

September 24, 2014 we held our Annual Meeting and elections. President Pat Ankuda comes from District 45 in Vermont. Vice President is PCC Tom Geno, Secretary is Judy Moulton and Treasurer is John Sprague. PCC Forrest Powers is the Executive Director.

LTSSA Directors are as follows:

Year	44N	44H	45	
2015	PDG Henry McKee Ray Dodge Cheryl Powers	Paul Pearsall (44N) Open Open	Robert Brault Pat Ankuda Open	Open Open Open
2016	Brent Crowder Richard Gray PDG Alan Ricard	Jerry Vaccaro Marilyn Vaccaro Ann Mason	PDG Ken Millay David LaRose Bruce Savery	PDG Bill Moulton PDG Betsy Magee Donald Lane
2017	Tom Royce, IPP PDG Don Potter PCC Tom Geno, VP	Open Open Open	John Sprague PDG Stanley, Patch, Jr. Odillon LaRoche	Judy Moulton Rick Bingham Debbie Ankuda

We would like to fill all the open spaces with dedicated Lions who are interested in serving on the board. All Lions are welcomed, and if you would like to attend a meeting you should make reservations by contacting Director Cheryl Powers at LionCherylPwrs@aol.com or by phone at 603 768-3617 by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Below is the meeting schedule of 2014-2015 Lion year.

Meeting Schedule:

- Wednesday, September 24, 2014: LTSSA Annual Meeting
- Wednesday, October 29, 2014: Director Meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November: Executive Board, 68 Jack Wells Road, Danbury @ 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December: No meeting
- Wednesday, January 28, 2015: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 25, 2015: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 22, 2015: Players Banquet, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 29, 2015: Executive Board, 68 Jack Wells Road, Danbury @ 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 27, 2015: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 24, 2015: Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 16-18, 2015: LTSSA Soccer Camp, Castleton State College, Vermont
- Saturday, July 18, 2015: Directors meeting, Castleton State College, Vermont
- Saturday, July 18, 2015: LTSSA Soccer Game, Castleton State College, Vermont

"Soccer for Sight and Hearing"

To all club Presidents, Secretaries & membership chairpersons:

Please note that I will be conducting/instructing a "Membership Development & Retention" workshop at the upcoming Fall Conference.

The Fall Conference will be at the Hampton Inn, 42 Mountain View Drive, Colchester, Vt on Saturday, November 8th. The workshop will begin at 8:30 am and will conclude at 11:15 am. Plan on participating and receive your personal manual that includes all the necessary information that you will need in the recruitment of new members and yes, additional information on retaining your members. Please encourage attendance.

If you would like to attend, please email or call me at (802)468-5001. Pre-registration is appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you on 11/8.

Lion Stan Patch, Jr
Membership advisor, D - 45

**Treasurer's Corner:
Time to File Your Club's Tax Forms**

Tax forms in November? I know that everyone worries about their taxes and tax forms in April, but most Vermont Lions Clubs run on a Fiscal year that ends June 30th – thus their tax forms are due on November 15th.

Tax forms? But our club is a non-profit? Although these forms are sent into the IRS, they are really "information forms" as there are no taxes involved. Non-Profits, including Lions Clubs, are required to file Form 990 Every year. There are three types of 990 Forms:

<i>Gross Income</i>	<i>Form to File</i>
Gross receipts normally ≤ \$50,000	990-N (E-Postcard)
Gross receipts < \$200,000, and Total assets < \$500,000	990-EZ
Gross receipts ≥ \$200,000, or Total assets ≥ \$500,000	990

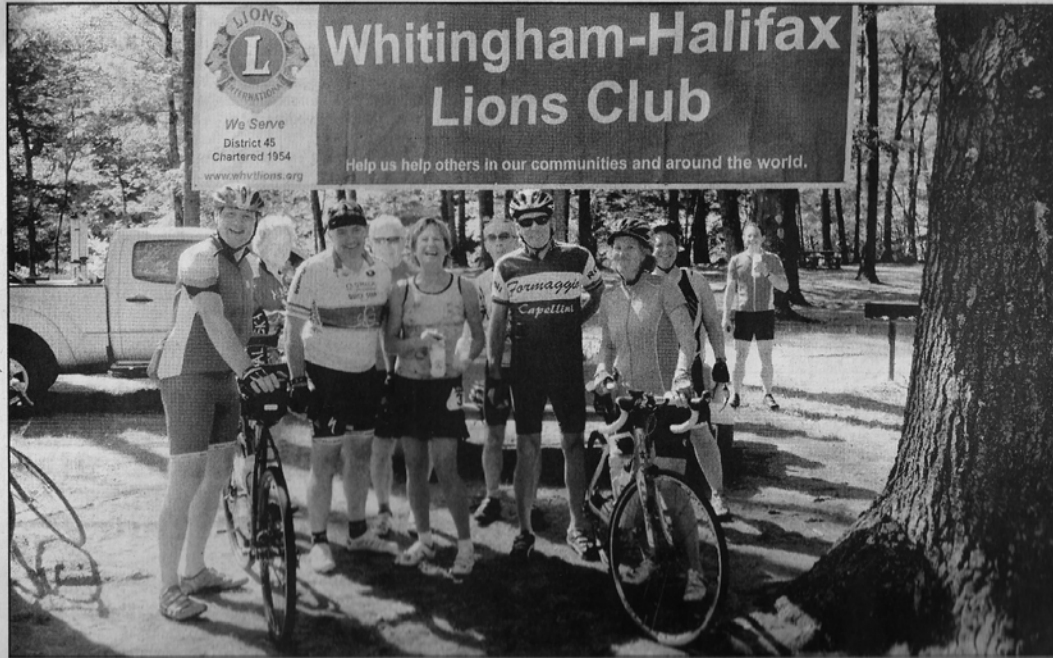
The 990-N form (the simplest form) is filed on-line and just asks for the club's contact information – for more info, and to file this form, go to: <https://epostcard.form990.org/>

The 990-EZ form (for clubs with over \$50,000 income) is still simple to fill out, although it does ask for the club's financial information. For more info: <http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Annual-Reporting-&-Filing-1> or <http://efile.form990.org/>

As with you own tax forms, it is important that you club files their forms. The IRS can fine Lions Clubs or revoke the Club's non-profit status if they don't file.

If you club has any questions, or needs help filing the IRS information forms, just contact Lion Kerry at CopperHill@myfairpoint.net or at 802-765-4019.

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Reformer Staff
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