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To all Lions of District 45,

I want to express my sincere ‘thank you’ to each and every one of you for your support during this amazing year. You should be so proud of all you have accomplished and the people you have served.

The work is not done - we have just begun. I hope you will give DGE Ken Emery and his team all your support as well. Together we have moved D45 into a positive position, with new lions ready to serve and new ideas to implement. The second annual training session in June for officers and interested Lions will be a great jumping off point. Hope to see you there.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2019 - 2020 !

Together We Serve,

DG Liz



District 45 - Vermont  
Lions 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT.  
May 3,4 & 5  
2019

RESOLUTIONS

As we meet here on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, to draw this year to a close, there are many people who must be recognized for the invaluable work they have done to ensure that the work of the D45 Lions has moved forward and provided service to our communities.

First are leaders and members of the Lions Clubs who make up District 45, serving with such commitment and diligence the people of Vermont, their neighbors and communities. You have made such a difference to the lives of all. Never underestimate your work.

The members of the District Governor's Cabinet have for filled all the expectations set by the Constitution, policies and the membership for the advancement of the goals set by Lions Clubs International. My outstanding team consists of: VDG Ken Emery, CT Brenda and CS Anna.

The members of the Global Action Team have done an outstanding job in moving forward the agenda of Leadership (PDG Joe Wilson), Membership (PDG Tommy Waltz) and Service (Lion Molly Celani) at the District Cabinet Meetings and as a valuable resource to all clubs in the District.

The Honorary Committee continues to be the strength and backbone of our District, offering their guidance from their years of total service, experience and commitment to Lions. Please accept my sincere thanks for all the wise council that you have given this year and will do in the future.

The group of committed Lions who took on the role of Zone Chairs have demonstrated their deep belief in the core objectives of Lions and had a willingness to share their commitment with the members of the Clubs in their areas. Growth comes from support for service and fellowship. You have shone your understanding of Lions, their communities and how to help them work together. You have my deep appreciation of the work you have done this year.

It must be mentioned that nothing develops without the work of small groups of Lions, who take on specific tasks for the good of the whole. This refers to such groups as: Vermont Lions Charities, Green Mountain Lions Camp, Twin State Soccer, Peace Posters, Speak Out, Traveling Lions, collection of eyeglasses and hearing aids, collection of pop tops, LCIF Super Raffle, fund raising and Food from the Heart. Never underestimate the value of committed Lions. My sincere thanks for your time and service.

Vision has been at the core of our work since the request from Helen Keller. Vermont Lions have worked with great diligence, under the organizational skills of Lion Phylis Porio, to screen the vision of thousands of our children, referring 15 to 20% for further investigation. The success of this program is in the number of children who have not developed life changing vision problems. We are all thankful to the Lions who have stepped forward to do the screening and PDG Ken Millay who first brought this device to Vermont and PDG Joe Wilson who supported the first introduction.

This Convention was made possible only by the dedicated work of our Convention Committee, made up of Lions from the Clubs of: Castleton, Granville and NorShaft and most ably led by PDG Stan Patch, our amazing Chairperson and the professional staff of the Holiday Inn. This committee and Committee Chair have worked behind the scenes to create a Conference that offers the members the opportunity to gather here in Rutland and celebrate - in style - our year of working together.

Another major part of our Convention is the Service of Remembrance that has so meaningfully been presented by the team. We, as Lions, pledge to recognize and remember the work of our members who have laid the foundations of our work with their years of service.

Our thanks and appreciation also go to International Director Mark Lyon and his partner in service, Lion Lynn for giving so warmly of their time and wisdom and enriching our Conference with their presence. Our thanks goes as well to PID Tom Broughton for his vital support. District 45 will be richer and stronger in the future because of their attendance at this Conference.

Finally, be it resolved that we as the Lions of District 45, stand behind and support DGE Ken Emery and VDGE Pam Nichols as they begin their term as our leaders for 2019 - 2020.

Together We Serve,

DG Liz Fenwick





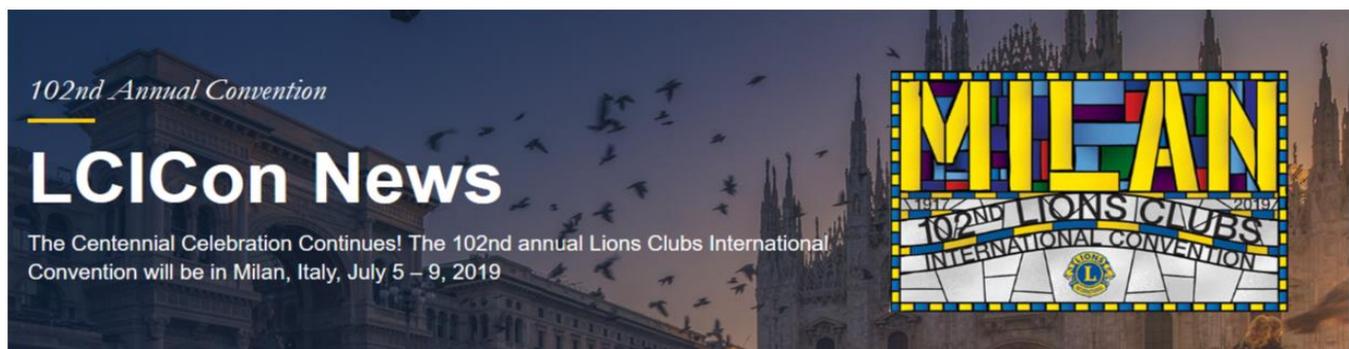
## District 45 Calendar and Events

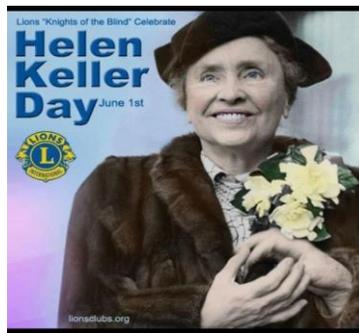
5/18/2019	Pumpkinseed Classic, Swanton Missiquoi Valley Lions	
5/18/2019	<a href="#">Blues in the Park</a> , Readsboro Lions Park	
5/30-6/2/2019	<a href="#">Vermont Dairy Festival</a> , Enosburg Falls Lions	
6/1/2019	Green Mountain Lions Camp, <a href="#">Work Day</a> , 9am	
6/2/2019	NELC–Hollis, NH: Alpine Grove Banquet Facility, 10:15am-3:00pm	
6/2/2019	<a href="#">NELC</a> Spring Meeting, Hollis, NH 10:15am-3pm	
6/8/2019	Bass Tournament - <a href="#">Plunder Bay Open</a> – Castleton Lions Club	
6/8/2019	Officer Training, Vergennes 10am-2pm	
6/8/2019	Special Olympics, Saint Michael’s College	
6/22/2019	“We Serve” <a href="#">Mud Volleyball Tournament</a> – Arlington Lions	
6/25/2019	Items for June Communique due	
6/28 - 6/29/2019	<a href="#">Wiffleball Tournament</a> , 17 Sawmill Road, Essex Junction	
7/14/2019	Organizational Meeting, Hosted by Heartland Lions at Paine’s Beach, South Royalton Registration 10:30am; meeting 11am	
7/7-7/27/2019	Green Mountain Lions Camp	
7/14/2019	Lions Twin-State Soccer, Castleton University	
7/20/2019	Vision Camera <a href="#">Availability</a>	
9/28/2019	Hungry Lion Bike Tour	
On going	<b>Don't see your club's activity listed?</b> Email it to the <a href="#">Communique!</a>	



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

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





Hello, fellow District 45 Lions,

WOW!!! What a great convention this year. From the inspirational words of ID Mark Lyon to the Melvin Jones Fellow Award presentations, to the Business meeting to the remembrance of our fellow Lions who have passed away. Adding 3 new members to the Jericho-Underhill Lions club with induction by ID Mark!!! We also enjoyed great hospitality in the hospitality room (thanks 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Pam and Lion Jackie for being great hosts) and planting of flowers at the Holiday Inn. DG Liz, PDG Stan and their team did a great job. Where you there? If so, I know you will agree. If you were not there, you missed out. Maybe next year?

One major general topic was we need to continue to improve our district, our clubs and our membership. Need more leadership. Need more membership. Need new clubs within the district. ID Mark challenged all to determine their **'WCYB'**: 'what can you bring' to help, help your club, help your district. I have also added **'WDNY'**: 'what do you need'. What do you need to make yourself a better member, make yourself a better leader, what is needed to help your club, help your fellow members, what is needed to help our District keep getting stronger?

Congratulations to PDG Pam Nichols for being elected 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE for District 45. This is a repeat duo of District leadership as I was DG in 2014 – 2015 and VDGE Pam was District Governor 2015 - 2016. Please consider stepping up to join us as being leaders of our District. Being DG is one of the greatest years you can have. It is not too late to join us.

This has been a great year for District 45. One challenge I have had for all clubs is to bring in at least one new member. Yes, it is a major goal to increase overall membership, but bringing in at least one new member is sometimes a challenge. I would like to report that as of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 25 of our 33 clubs have met the challenge. Congratulations to all BUT don't stop. Keep going. Do you have summertime activities? Great chances to show off what your club does do and hopefully bring in new members.

JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2019. This is the date of District 45 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Leadership Training in Vergennes. Besides presidents, secretaries and treasurers, we are also including membership chairs. ALL LIONS are welcomed to attend so even though you might not be an officer yet, please join us. Elsewhere in this issue of the communique is a 'Welcome' letter which includes 'schedule / agenda' and the registration form. Please note the 'package' rates for attendees.

SAVE THE DATE: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The annual organizational meeting will be hosted by the Heartland Lions Club at Paine's Beach in South Royalton. More information will be available in the June 1<sup>st</sup> communique edition.

SAVE THE DATE: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Annual Twin State Soccer Day at Castleton State University. Graduated Vermont men and women play against New Hampshire men and women. Women's game is at 4:00 p.m. Men's game is at 6:30 p.m. Please support these young men and women as the game they play, help raise funds for our Green Mountain Lions Camp.

Let us finish the 2018 – 2019 Lions year strong as we look forward to the 2019 – 2020 Lions year.

In Lionism,  
*VDG (DGE) Ken*

# D45 Lions Convention – Service Projects



*Lions worldwide provide  
Millions of Helping Hands that  
Reveal Love to those in Need*



**You can make a difference!**



*Lions planting in front of Holiday Inn*

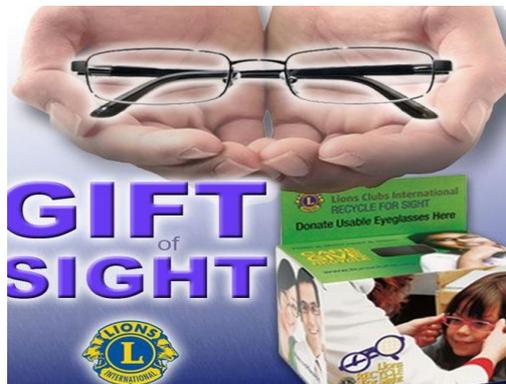


*Making MATS USING PLASTIC BAGS – We learned it takes 350 plastic bags to make one of these mats*



**Vermont Lions Vision Screening Results**  
**Nearly 24,500 Children Screened**  
**So Far this Academic Year**  
**July 1, 2018 - April 30, 2019**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Vision Screening Days/Sites</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Number of Referrals</b>	<b>Number of Adults</b>
<b>Arlington/Bennington/ NorShaft</b>	27	2,193	207	15
<b>Barre</b>	36	3,485	341	33
<b>Brandon Forest Dale</b>	6	688	69	9
<b>Brattleboro</b>	3	259	17	3
<b>Castleton</b>	32	2,709	262	47
<b>Colchester/Essex</b>	9	1,343	102	5
<b>Enosberg</b>	8	1,610	153	
<b>Granville</b>	1	348	45	
<b>Georgia</b>				
<b>Heartland</b>				
<b>Jericho-Underhill</b>	2	111	7	
<b>Londonderry Area</b>	7	578	14	
<b>Manchester</b>				
<b>Middlebury/Vergennes</b>	32	5,583	562	
<b>Norwich</b>	2	296	116	
<b>Orleans</b>	10	708	58	6
<b>Readsboro</b>	2	68	7	
<b>Richford</b>	4	636	74	
<b>Strafford</b>	1	90	8	2
<b>Springfield</b>	22	2,912	294	57
<b>Troy &amp; Area</b>	4	292	30	7
<b>Whitingham-Halifax</b>	5	340	33	8
<b>Windsor</b>	2	148	16	
<b>Williston</b>				
<b>Zone 1 A / Zone 1B</b>	1	34	5	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>24,431</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>192</b>





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

**District 45 Vision Screener Schedule and Availability**

Host Location:	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				
January	6 Whitingham-Halifax 13 Whitingham-Halifax 20 Whitingham-Halifax 27 Brattleboro	* * *	Castleton Castleton Castleton/Brandon Castleton/Brandon		
February	3 Brattleboro 10 Brattleboro 17 Brattleboro 24				
March	2 9 16 23 30				
April	6 14 21 NorShaft 28				
May	6 13 20 27				

\* includes Readsboro

As of March 17, 2019, the cameras are available anytime there is not a club already listed.  
Contact Phylis Porio (vtlionphylis@gmail.com) to reserve a camera and before booking a school.

**VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES**  
**Convention Report – Holiday Inn – Rutland**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

Good Morning everyone....this morning I wish to address Vermont Lions Charities Shared Vision Fund and the 500 club.

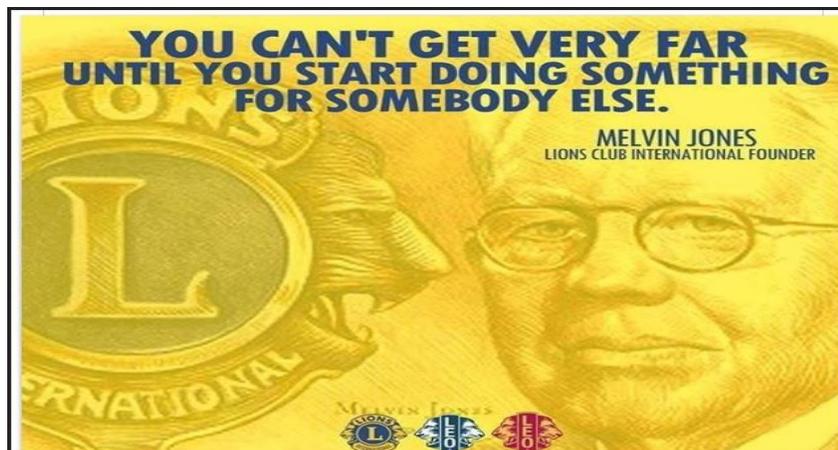
A bit of history....Back in the early 2000's, PID Jules Coté and Lion Jackie donated the sum of \$6,700 to start a vision fund with-in VLC. These funds were the result of donations provided at the homecoming held at the conclusion of ID Jules term as International Director. In 2006, a couple in memory of their daughter who had passed away, offered to donate the sum of \$50,000 with one stipulation and challenge to District 45..we needed to raise matching funds.

At our 2007 Spring Convention, we, as a District matched the donation and as a result, the SHARED VISION FUND was created and included the \$6,700 donation by PID July & Jackie.

The Shared Vision Fund includes the 500 Club. A \$500 donation to the fund by a club or individual enables the donor to name an individual to become a 500 Club member and as of today, the club has 80 members (includes 6 new recipients that will be receiving this recognition in the very near future. Also, (7) pins are unaccounted for; thus leaving (13) to be presented to future recipients.

I am happy to announce that at the end of March, the Shared Vision Fund totaled \$164,957.00....with assistance from the District, individual & club donations and yes, the 500 Club.

With us today is Lion Jackie Coté and yes, please let's all extend a special thank you to Lion Jackie.



**Melvin Jones Fellow Award winners at the Spring Convention:**

Lion Dianne Brochu, Essex Jct. Lions Club  
Lion Park 'PG" Carrier, Readsboro Lions Club  
Lion Judy Cookson, Barre Lions Club  
Lion John Irving, Jericho-Underhill Lions Club  
Lion Larry Winters, Williston Lions Club  
DG Elizabeth 'Liz" Fenwick, Norshaft Lions Club

2 progressive Melvin Jones Fellow awards were awarded as well:

Lion Cleon Bigelow - Middlebury Lions Club  
Lion Carmelita Belisle - Colchester Lions Club



## 2018-2019 Pull Tab Year End Report

This is our fourth year since we started this pull tab project to benefit the Shriners kids.

We had 10 clubs participating last year. This year we had 13 clubs that reported with collected tabs. Total grams this year >124,300, last year > 98,405. Total points overall >24,860, last year was > 19,681. Clubs ranged from over 11,000 points, to as low as single numbers. They all add up! That all figures out to 274.03 lbs. this year. Compared to last year's total of 216.94 lbs. We're collectively up 57.09 lbs. this year. Over the past 4 years we have been collecting, we have had an increase of our collective poundage. Our first year we only collected 151.61 lbs. Great job all! Let's try to beat our record again next year.

As we sort & weigh the pull tabs, Cindy & I have fun trying to determine what type of beverage the tabs come off from. For instance, Red Bull has plain silver, yellow, blue, & of course red tabs.

We don't drink alcoholic beverages, but have determined that Red with the crown are Budweiser, Some blue ones are Michelob and light green, blue, red & black are probably Monster Energy Drinks. It is truly an ethnic mix of colors, yellow, red, black, green, & of course silver.

Some of the interesting things we found along with the pull tabs this year included: an occasional regular style & screw style bottle cap, paper clips, rubber bands – useable & broken, safety pins, straight pins, push pins, thumb tacks, string, multiple bread clips & ties, no key ring but a can key, beads-, plastic, wooden & pony, an assortment of nails – both regular & finish – straight & bent, screws – regular, brightly colored & even plastic ones. Nuts, bolts, flat washers, springs. We even found hearing-aide batteries & regular AA batteries, Hall's cough drop wrapper, Hershey's kisses wrapper, juice box pull top & even a green crayon, along with a box top for education coupon –expired. And wouldn't you know it, keeping with our theme for this year, we found a puzzle piece. Also, some type of undefinable plastic thingy – we had no idea what it was or could have been.

Fashion was in this year, finding: earrings, combs, bobby pins, nail clippers, hair barrettes, & zipper pulls – hope there pants are still up. We even found a razor blade amongst all the pull tabs. Music was in the mix of items this year too, with a guitar pick.

All the coins/change we find, we keep, we don't get rich. Middlebury Club was the most generous to us. F Y I – Canadian coins are magnetic. This year we found a foreign coin from the Bank of Guyana – Said \$5 on it. Never know how much you'll find.

Along with the hardware store, we also found numerous organic matter consisting of: coffee grounds, tobacco, grass/weeds – lawn type - not wakey tabacky, leaf pieces, straw, onion skins, flower petals, regular dirt, crusty dried insects (bugs), various seed pods, lint – not sure if pocket or navel. We even found something to eat – if we were hungry. The most interesting thing we found this year was a multi-purpose tool- it had a can opener, screw driver & punch, etc., but not a Swiss army knife, you never know what you'll find or need. Allen was there too to help, in the form of an Allen Wrench. Be assured we do wear rubber gloves when weighing & sorting the pull tabs.

Bribes are not expected, but found this year. We received a package, shipped by Fed-Ex, of pull tabs that had a strange looking plastic bag within them. Not sure what we had, we were almost ready to call the authorities – looked like drugs - maybe? It ended up being \$5 worth of coins. Bribe intended. Nice try, but bribes won't get any club very far. We pocket all coins found. Thanks, Heartland Club.

We had one very interesting batch of tabs this year. Every bag had a slip of paper with the count of tabs on it that was in the bag. Our question to that club or person is.... Who has the time to count them all or do you have lots of time on your hands to do so???? We did not take the time to confirm the count. We didn't have that kind of time & I'd rather be knitting.

I know some clubs work with redemption centers to collect there tabs – let's keep working with them. An idea, maybe, would be to ask your local school children to help out by collecting tabs for your club and make a contest out of it for them. Whatever works best for your club. Let's beat last years record again – Keep collecting & bring them to the Cabinet Meetings. They are valuable – don't forget to report your efforts to LCI. Thank – You to all who donated this year. Keep it up! Please continue to collect and contribute.

Now let's get to the awards for this year:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Troy & Area Lions Club > 3,475 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Middlebury Lions Club > 4,077 points,

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Norshaft Lions Club > 11,181 points – super job!- that's over 6,000 points  
more than last year

I also like to give Honorable Mention type Awards. First is the Effort Award – for the club who worked hard collecting tabs, but just didn't make it into the top 3 places. Basically 4<sup>th</sup> place, nice effort.

Effort Award –Jericho – Underhill Lions Club > 1,182 points - (4<sup>th</sup> place)

And the other award goes to the club who made an attempt to collect at least SOME pull-tabs and ended up turning in the least amount of tabs. Basically last place. Sorry guys. Better luck next year.

Attempt Award –Barre Lions Club > 9 points - (last place -13<sup>th</sup>)

SOOOOOOO, let's keep collecting tabs all summer & year long and maybe your club will win.

Note: Please label your clubs donation of tabs, we had one batch that was not, so nobody got credit for them- 176 points could have been yours.

Congratulations & Thank – you to all,

Lions Cindy & Loreen, Pull-Tab co-chairs



# Save the Date!

Green Mountain Lions Camp  
July 7 - 20 and July 21 - 2



Workday is June 1<sup>st</sup> and we need your help!!!!!!

1. Workday at the Green Mountain Camp is Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:00am.

Coffee and lunch will be served.

Bring gloves and your Lions spirit.

2. Wish list for the camp...

- a. Water bottles
- b. White tee shirts. Sizes small, medium, large.
- c. Tie die kits. Amazon Prime has ones for \$19.68. It is called Tulip extra-large block party tie die kits, or any tie die kits.
- d. Graham crackers, regular and gluten free for s'mores
- e. Snow cone mix. Amazon Prime has them

Any questions please e-mail Lion Patricia Johnston-Mc Williams at [Patriciamcw@gmail.com](mailto:Patriciamcw@gmail.com)

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## Club News

### Colchester Lions Club

Colchester Parks and Rec along with the Colchester Lions Club held an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Bayside Park.

Colchester Lions Club also hosted a food drive for the Colchester Community Food Shelf at the event. Participants were asked to bring at least one non-perishable or canned item to the hunt.

DGE Ken Emery took time to set down with Local News 44 to share about the event. Great publicity!



## Barre Lions

Barre Lion Tina Golon, on the right, presents a check for \$250 to King Lion Judy Cookson. Tina's employer, Century 21 Jack Associates, named Tina a "Community Champion" and made the donation in her name. The check will be given to The Green Mountain Lions Camp.



## Heartland Lions

DG Liz visited the Heartland Lions Club. As always PDG Lion Walter was in rare form and presented DG Liz with a gift which is a tradition for Heartland to give the DG a homemade wreath. Since DG Liz visit was postponed in December, he saved it for her!



## Middlebury Lions

Toddlers can be a challenge. Our pudgy, wiggly, love bugs are full speed and non-stop adorable. Unfortunately they can't tell their left from their right very well. Try giving them a hearing test. It's not difficult to make a noise and observe if they respond, but to *measure* their hearing ability is an entirely different challenge, most significantly for our grade school nurses. The school health services program routinely screens students for possible hearing problems in order to identify any barrier to learning that might be corrected. Vermont's Department of Health standards require testing both ears at five specified frequencies. Try that with your 4 year old child.



**Nurses and Lions train with new Audx hearing screening device**  
From left: Lions Helen Bigelow and Elaine Witman, ACSD  
Elementary Nurses Eva McDonough, Gina Ciancia & Becca McKee.

Addison Central School District nurses were just gifted a new device that can beat that challenge through technology. The device isn't a new invention, it's the same otoacoustic emission (OAE) measuring technology used at Porter Hospital to test the hearing of new born infants. What's "new" is that the Middlebury Lions Club recognized that a gap existed between new born testing and measurable student testing. In fairness, former Mary Hogan Elementary Nurse Amber McDonald asked the Lions to look for a technology solution while the Lions were assisting her with annual student vision screenings. Amber said "I wish there was a rapid technology for screening ears". Later that same year the Lions observed a Burlington School District nurse using an Audx OAE device. Then it was just learning where they could purchase a similar device and raising the \$5,000 to make the purchase.

Lions Clubs have had a primary mission to support the vision and hearing impaired since 1925, when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to constitute themselves as "Knights of the Blind". In addition to assisting schools with vision screenings, the Middlebury Lions assists those in need to fill their eyeglass prescription. They also recycle used eyeglasses and hearing aids for reuse. In 2018 alone, the club purchased 21 pair of glasses for residents and recycled over 2,100 pair of glasses.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the ACSD Nurses accepted the gifted device, and received training on its operation. What used to take ACSD nurses hours to complete, can now be accurately measured and documented in seconds. The technology will enable earlier detection of potential hearing impairment. Nationwide only 85% of all permanent childhood hearing impairment is present at birth. The impact of permanent hearing impairment on the children and their families can be considerable. Late identification compounds problems in communication, language acquisition, and affects other areas of development.

This doesn't mean the original device we were all tested on will be retired. ACSD Nurses will still be using them on the older age group - the student population that does know their left from their right. While the OAE technology does an excellent job of estimating inner ear function, the tried and true audiometer remains the gold standard when the student is able to understand and respond.

## Castleton Lions

### Castleton Lions award two Good Samaritans

Two Castleton University students were presented with awards at the Castleton Lions Club May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for their work in applying life-saving skills upon a fellow student in distress. On Super bowl Sunday, Linn Ljungemo and Kylie Mackie had finished their first giant slalom race of the day and were serving as gatekeepers for a men's race. Everything seemed normal until the girls heard a scream for help.

A skier from the opposing team and a longtime friend of Kylie's, left the gate and fell after his ski popped off halfway down the run. During the fall, he slid over the sharp edge of the other ski, severely lacerating the thigh of his left leg almost to the femur. He was bleeding profusely. The girls ran quickly to him and utilized articles of clothing for a tourniquet. They applied pressure and tourniquets until help arrived. They managed to keep their friend calm.

The injured skier was transported to Albany (New York) Medical Center where he received at least four units of blood and surgery to repair the injury. The doctors credited the young women with saving the skier's life. The skier has fully recovered and plans to ski again.

Linn and Kylie do not consider themselves heroes, but to their friend, they are certainly snow angels. The Castleton Lions agree.

It should also be noted that Linn and Kylie were two of the many Castleton University students that helped with the Castleton Lions 2018 Halloween Party for local elementary school students.



# Special Olympics Opening Eyes



A message from Laura Werner, Clinical Director of Opening Eyes for the Vermont Special Olympics:

I wanted to get in contact with you to let you and the other Lions know about our annual vision screening at the Special Olympics in June. The event will be June 8, 2019 from 10am to 3:30pm. Just so you're aware, the venue has changed this year. We will be at Saint Michael's College instead of UVM because they will be renovating the gym.

I would love to have the Lions back to help us with the event. I think we will need 10 volunteers again. From what I remember, most of the Lions registered online last year and they can do the same this year. The registration link is below. If you have any questions, please email me or call my office.

Here is the link: <https://specialolympicsvermont.org/volunteer-opportunities/summer-games-opening-eyes/>

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## Whitingham-Halifax Lions

Membership Chair Wanda Walkowiak (R) and Lion Alison Ferris (L) installing an Open House banner in the Post Office's parking lot in West Dover, Vermont.

In all we used four banners – all strategically placed in walking zones with high foot traffic, or where drivers were coming to a stop sign on the most heavily traveled roads. They were located across the valley, from Halifax to Wilmington to Dover. It turns out that they have a high impact, but we credit “word of mouth” (Lions “chatting it up!”) and hard work for our outreach success!

Wanda and Alison are two first year, hard-working Lions. Wonderful to have such energy and cheer in our club.



Whitingham-Halifax Lions & Readsboro Lions are jointly hosting a "Blues in the Park" fest



# Blues in the Park

**Saturday, May 18 Noon to 5:00 pm**  
**Readsboro Lions Park / Route 100, Readsboro**  
*Featuring The Jacksonville Blues Band (Yay!)*

Dance to live blues, enjoy delicious food, and bid on great auction prizes. Plus a 50/50 raffle! Admission is \$15 for adults (\$25 for two). Kids under 12 free. *Proceeds benefit environmental projects in our communities.*



*Sponsored by the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club*  
*Food concession by Readsboro Lions Club (Yum.)*

Jacksonville Blues Band (a great local band!!!!!!) Dancing and fun.

BBQ served by Readsboro Lions (they're famous for their chicken BBQ).

Cause: Lions Environmental Outreach

Saturday, May 18th, noon to 5PM

Tickets "at the gate."

\$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Under 12 are free.

For more info: contact Lion Jeanette Felton ([lionjenette@yahoo.com](mailto:lionjenette@yahoo.com))

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the Whitingham-Halifax Lions hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Open House at The Gathering Place in West Dover, Vermont.

Guests and Members enjoyed catered Italian, which was followed by nine speakers, each given about 1-1/2 minutes to speak from the heart on why they are Lions. Five of the speakers were first-year Lions, and there were many emotional moments. In addition, two short videos produced by Lion Patience Merriman (the club's Communications and Public Relations Chair) were also shown; one on the Hungry Lion Bike Tour fundraiser, and the other, a video of the Lions and Rotary jointly painting the outside of the massive building where the Open House was held! (It's a non-profit adult day care facility.) In all, an uplifting, fun, and heartfelt evening was enjoyed by all.

The club's President, Mark Hanna, credits Membership Chair Wanda Walkowiak and her committee with putting on a fabulous and productive evening, where over 20 guests attended to find out more about the impact Lions have in the Deerfield Valley. The club is grateful for District Governor Liz Fenwick speaking about the higher levels of Lions: District 45 and International. She was joined by husband, Lion Mike – whom everyone was happy to see! President Shelly Huber and Lion Tom from the Valley Lions also attended and came away impressed with the evening. It was nice to share the experience within the Zone (3B) in Windham County.

The success of the Open House has led to NINE new members joining the club this past week, from all across the Deerfield Valley. This means that, over the course of just two years, the club has gone from a membership of just 23 hardworking members and gained 32 more!! Wow!

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Membership chair Wanda Walkowiak (left) talks with Open House guest Darcy Brown. Later, Darcy submitted her application to be the club's newest Lion!



Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired with Local 22 & Kool 105 Present:

# Dancing with the Stars of Burlington



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 7 PM-9 PM



TICKETS: \$25, SOLD THROUGH THE FLYNN BOX OFFICE

EMCEES: Lauren Maloney & Sean Parker, Local 22/Local 44

JUDGES: The Logger (Rusty DeWees), Elizabeth Seyler aka Dr. Tango, DJ Craig Mitchell

Donate to your favorite team at: <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/vabvi/Dancing-with-the-Stars-of-Burlington>.



TEAM 1:  
Lauren Kaye Sylvia &  
David Weiss



TEAM 2:  
Rick Kinsman &  
Kim Anderson



TEAM 3:  
Nicola Boutin &  
Mike Jabour



TEAM 4:  
Juliana Dixon &  
Luc Reid



TEAM 5:  
Rose Beclard &  
Steve Gagner



TEAM 6:  
E. Victoria Moore &  
Tom Torti



TEAM 7:  
Amanda Thibault &  
Justin Gardner

## SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMERS:

South Burlington High  
School Dance Team  
&  
Mt. Mansfield Union High  
School Dance Team



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***Dancing with the Stars of Burlington!***

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Vermont Lions District 45  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Officer Training  
For NEW and Experienced Lions

Saturday June 22, 2019  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Champlain Valley Christian Reform Church  
73 Church Street, Vergennes Vt.

Dear Lions Leaders of District 45,

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual District Leadership Training for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers with this year we are adding Membership Chairpersons. **BUT any Lion is welcome and encouraged to attend so they can learn more about these positions and how our Lion Clubs work.**

Registration information is available via a separate registration form. Registration is at 9:30 with welcome ceremonies to be at 9:45. **President training** will be led by **PDG Joe Wilson**, GLT coordinator for 2019 – 2020. **DG Liz Fenwick**, who will be our GMT Coordinator for 2019 – 2020 will lead the discussion on **membership**. **Lion Karen Schroeder and PDG Betsy MaGee** will lead the training session for **secretaries**. **VLC Treasurer Lion Woody Stoddard and District 45 tax reference guru Lion Kerry Claffey** will lead discussion for **treasurers**.

We will also have two additional presentations, the first being Gender Awareness lead by PDG Joe. The second will be 'how does Service' help clubs and its members be motivated, discussion led by GST Coordinator Lion Molly Celani.

Coffee and donuts will be available, along with a great lunch consisting of lasagna, salad and dessert.

The following is a tentative agenda for the day (updated as of 5/7/2019):

9:30 a.m. – Registration Opens  
9:45 a.m. – Welcome open ceremonies  
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Individual training sessions  
11:30 a.m. 11:50 a.m. – 'Diversity within Lions' – PDG Joe Wilson  
12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m. – Lunch  
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – 'Service is our name' – Lion Molly Celani  
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – General roundtable discussion  
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Final Questions and feedback on day  
2:30 p.m. – Safe travels home – see all at organizational meeting.

See all in Vergennes, DGE Ken



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Costs: Package deal to encourage officers group to attend

Package 1: \$15 for one Lion; Package 2: \$28 for two Lions

Package 3: \$40 for three Lions; Package 4: \$50 for four Lions

Package 5: \$50 for four Lions plus \$10 per additional Lion

**Reservation deadline for Package deals: Monday June 17, 2019**

After June 17, 2019 all registration is \$15 per person.

Who should attend: Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Club Membership Chairs, Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions and ANY other Lions who want to learn more about our clubs and our district and the future that is ahead of us.

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Members attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Club president: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Training Registration Package: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations deadline June 17, 2019**

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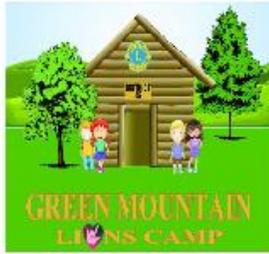
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## Farrar Steckley Memorial Raffle

Congratulations to all of the winners this year.

Congratulations to Lion Rick Theken, winner of the patio set, donated by the Granville Lions Club. Also, congratulations to Kent Penfield, winner of the Ethan Allen end table donated by the Orleans Lions Club. Below is a list of the winners of the top ten prizes.

We would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who purchased tickets. We especially would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who donated a prize for this year's raffle.

Together, we raised over **\$3,200** to provide scholarship funding for 'our kids' to attend camp.

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Donated By</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Ankle Length Vest	\$895	Lion Connie St. George	Kathy Dorman
Ethan Allen End Table	\$800	Orleans Lions Club	Kent Penfield
Orvis Rod and Reel	\$800	PDG Betsy Magee	Karry Ryan
Telescope Patio Furniture	\$700	Granville Lions Club	Rick Theken
Light weight hip length boiled wool jacket	\$550	Lion Connie St. George	Patrick McWilliams
Kirkland Collection Painting	\$200	PDG Betsy Magee	Paul Bessette
One Night Stay	\$200	Green Mountain Suites	Ingrid Webb
Overnight Stay	\$200	Holiday Inn	Roger Ellis
Round of Golf for 4	\$168	Neshobe Golf Course	Sandy Brutkowski
\$100 Cash Prize	\$100	PDG Betsy Magee	Mehan Corbett





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 \$ _____
Attending but no lunch - \$5 registration	Number attending _____	Total: \$ _____
TOTAL DUE		\$ _____

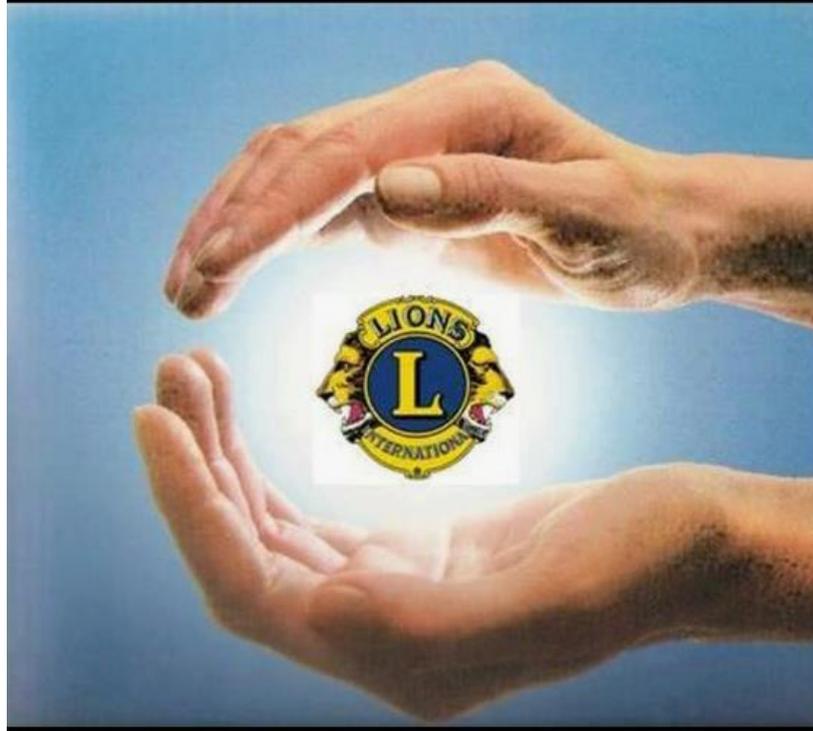
\*\*\* Dietary special requirements: \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*

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**





*Important  
DATE!*

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

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

### **Membership Moment**

New Members = \$

Who knew the three new Lions inducted at Spring Convention would be worth \$105? Any club that adds new members between April 1 and June 30 is eligible for grants from LCI of \$35 apiece. Your club is encouraged to use the funds to engage those new members in service projects and club activities.

Club officers will receive application forms in July to apply for the grants, which will be paid out to the clubs in two installments.

So when is the best time to recruit new members and earn your club \$35 for each one?  
**NOW!**

Or at least by June 30.