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A Message from District Governor Walter Hastings

Holiday Greetings!

I would like to express my thanks for all that you do as a Lion. I'm sure you've heard this before but would like to share it again, "We're making a world of difference".

Lions are committed to ending global hunger. It was a great experience at our Fall Cabinet Meeting to see everyone working together on the first service project of packing meals. Lions have joined the fight against Diabetes. November was National Diabetes month and having Dr. Schnure as our guest speaker to share about diabetes was an excellent way to start the month. If your club did not have an opportunity to host an event about diabetes, perhaps you could consider it at another time.

We need to increase our membership and what better way is thru the media. Our media coverage has increased from the service project to recycling eyeglasses - I am in hopes you were able to see both events covered by our local television stations.

The LCIF Raffle and photo-booth donated by Essex Junction Lions was another great event. A Big THANKS to Essex Junction Lions for adding fun to the evening!

I was also very proud to hear how Vermont District 45 Lions will help communities recover from recent storms.

January 2018 will soon be here and time for the winter cabinet meeting.

Remember when we work together, we can achieve bigger goals.

Wishing you and your family a merry Christmas and happy new year!

We Serve,
DG Walter

District 45

Calendar

December 2017

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| 9 | The Orleans Lions Club will be holding our annual Orleans Lions Club Children's Christmas Variety Show on Dec 9th. We'll have top of the line entertainment, gifts, and refreshments for all. |
| 14 | The Orleans Lions Club hold our annual Warm the Children auction to raise money for the children in this needy program |
| 20 | Deadline to submit items for Communique |

January 2018

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| 20 | Deadline to submit items for Communique |
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February 2018

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| 10 | Heartland Lions Club Dinner Dance - West Lebanon, NH |
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Heartland Lions Club

Cordially invites you to our annual

Valentines Dinner-Dance

February 10th 2018

5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Social hour begins at 5:30 pm

Dinner served at 6:15 pm

Dancing from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm

Live music provided by Smoke and Mirrors

Many door prizes including a
\$1500 Travel Voucher Grand Prize

Fireside Inn

25 Airport Road

West Lebanon, NH

Discounted room rates available.

Tickets: \$110/couple (advance purchase only)

All proceeds go to local charities.

Please contact:

royalcakes@charter.net

or call (802) 291-2429

DISTRICT 45 LIONS CLUBS

2017-2018 SPEAK-OUT CONTEST “WE SERVE - THE POWER OF WE”



Fellow Lions:

Now is the time to start planning for the District 45 Speak-Out Contest to be held on March 10, 2018 at the American Legion in Chester, Vermont. Those that have participated in the past know what a wonderful opportunity this is to hear our local high school students “speak out” about our International President’s theme, not just at the state contest but at the local level as well.

“WE SERVE - THE POWER OF WE” is the new theme from International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, 2017-2018. Please check out his theme on the International website www.lionsclub.org I encourage all District 45 Clubs to participate in this year’s Speak-Out Contest by inviting your local high school juniors and seniors to share their ideas on this very inspirational theme, “We Serve - The Power of We” with your club and our District.

I am including the materials needed for this year’s contest but if you have never participated before and would like help getting started, please feel free to contact either myself or my co-chair, Lion Connie St. George, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours in Service,

**Lion Kathy Cannon, cannons@gmavt.net
2017-2018 Speak-Out Contest Chairperson, (802) 373-4180**

**Lion Connie St. George, sunsetcarpentry1@juno.com
2017-2018 Speak-Out Co-Chairperson, (802) 352-4686**

2017-2018 SPEAK-OUT CONTEST
“WE SERVE - THE POWER OF WE”
March 10, 2018
American Legion, Chester, Vermont

SPEAK-OUT INFORMATION:

1. Included is an example of the Brandon-Forest Dale-Pittsford Lions Clubs Speak-Out Contest form (an example of two clubs that work together from a union school). **Your Club sets its own prize money.**
2. A blank form for your club to use.
3. The judging form.

Advise the participants to read the International President's message on the theme of the contest; go to www.lionsclub.org .

WHAT TO DO IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

1. Assign a Speak-Out Chairperson in your club.
2. Find a contact person, preferably at your local High School: the head of the English Department or a Guidance Counselor are excellent options. Other possible contacts: local 4-H and Scout Group Leaders, Debate Coach, etc.
3. Your club will need to set a local contest date, amount of prizes, location of contest and list your chairperson person on the bottom of your form. Fill out your form and make copies including the judging form and the International President's message, if you wish, to give to your contacts. They in turn can make copies for the students that are interested in participating.

Speak Out Contest 2017-2018

For juniors and seniors



Sponsored by the

CLUB:

And Vermont District 45 Lions

Topic: **"WE SERVE - THE POWER OF WE"**

Time: between 5 and 7 minutes!



NOTE: This is a three level contest. The winner

of our local Contest will advance to participate in Regional if necessary. Finalists go on to the State Level Contest which will be held on March 10, 2018 at the American Legion in Chester, Vermont.

The Local Contest will be held at a Lions Club

Meeting on: _____, 2018.

Lions Meet at: (

)

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Address

Theme_____20pts.

Development of Theme_____50pts.

Expression and Delivery_____30pts

Each Judge may direct one question on the subject to the speaker at the conclusion of the speech.

PRIZES!

LOCAL CONTEST

1st Place:

2nd Place:

3rd Place:

Possible Regional Contest: To Be Determined if necessary

STATE FINALS!

1st: \$300

2nd: \$160

3rd: \$75

4th or more \$ 25

CONTACT PERSON: LION



Speak Out Contest 2017-2018

For Otter Valley juniors and seniors



**Sponsored by:
Brandon-Forest Dale & Pittsford Lions
Clubs**

And D 45 Vermont Lions

Topic: "THE POWER OF WE"



Time: 5 to 7 min.

NOTE: This is a three level contest. The winner of our local Contest will advance to participate in Regional Contest if necessary. All finalists go on to the State Level Contest which will be held on March 10, 2018 VT at the American Legion, Chester, VT.

The Local Contest will be held at a Lions Club Meeting on: January , 2018 at 6:30PM.

Lions Meet at the Methodist Church, Route 7, Brandon)

JUDGING CRITERIA: Address Theme.....20pts.
Development of Theme.....60pts.
Expression and Delivery.....30pts

Each Judge may direct one question on the subject to the speaker at the conclusion of the speech.

LOCAL PRIZES

1st Place: \$200 2nd Place: \$150 3rd Place: \$75

Possible Regional Contest: To Be Determined

STATE FINALS

1st: \$300 2nd: \$150 3rd: \$75





DISTRICT 45-LIONS OF VERMONT SPEAK OUT CONTEST



| Duration of Speech | LESS THAN | FIVE MINUTES | 5-7 Minutes Required | Total Time | Total Points |
|---|---|--|--|--|---------------------|
| Addressing the Theme (20 Points) | Effort made to address the Theme was lacking in quality (0-4 Points) | Good effort was made to address the Theme (5-10 Points) | Very good effort was made to address the Theme (11-19 Points) | Outstanding effort was made in addressing the Theme (20 Points) | |
| Developing the Theme (50 Points) | Effort to develop the Theme was lacking in clarity & organization (0-24 Points) | Good effort was made to develop the Theme (25-39 Points) | Very good effort was made to develop the Theme (40-49 Points) | Outstanding job was done of developing the Theme (50 Points) | |
| Clarity & Expression (30 Points) | | Good effort of expressing the points being made – relatively confident in presentation (1-14 Points) | Very good effort of expressing the points being made – shows confidence in presentation (15-24 Points) | Excellent effort of expressing points being made – very confident & dynamic in presentation (25-30 Points) | |
| Name | | | | | Total Points |

VERMONT LIONS CHARITIES
Annual Meeting Report - November 4, 2017

The 24th. annual meeting of Vermont Lions Charities was called to order on Saturday, November 4th. @ the Fall Conference in Colchester. The following annual report was provided.

The mission of VLC remains the same; to help the club's with-in District 45 with funding for both community needs and projects and to provide assistance to individuals in those areas of the State where there are no Lions clubs. VLC also serves as a 501 c 3 and as such, collects tax deductible donations.

Due to the decline in the number of clubs in District 45, the needs for Vermont residents living in these areas continue to grow and as such, VLC has been able to meet their sight & hearing requests.

Major accomplishments thus far for 2017 include the following:

. The continued success of the Lions KidsSight USA vision screening program and yes, a very special "thank you" to all those D-45 vision screeners. VLC's part: to provide the funds to cover both insurance and maintenance and the purchase of additional screeners when needed. VLC extends a special "thank you" to Lion Phylis Porio for all her support in this area.

. The "Walk for Sight" walk-a-thon chaired by Lion Jackie Dutil & committee. For the record, \$12353.00 was raised with pay outs of \$1568.00. Lion Jackie, along with Lion Alice Gonyaw, conducted our 1st "money tree" raffle that raised another \$6850.00. Special thanks to Lions Jackie and Alice.

. Also, thanks are in order to the Troy & Area Lions club for hosting their annual Texas hold'em tournament, \$684.00 and their annual Morrisville bingo, \$1334.50; for a total income of \$2018.50.

. In addition, Lions Carmelita Belisle and Lyle Remick conducted our Cash-Fest raffle that paid out \$1900.00 to our winners while netting \$2400.00 for VLC.

. VLC received \$5500.00 from the Lions Twin-State Soccer Association and immediately transferred the funds to the Green Mountain Lions Camp.

. VLC also donated \$3000.00 to assist those areas devastated by the recent hurricanes that hit Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico.

. I am also happy to report that VLC will begin fundraising to assist in the area of providing transportation assistance for the treatment of pediatric cancer. In the near future, your club will be asked to assist in this area with the placement of "collection cans" in key locations with-in the communities that you serve. More relating this effort in January.

In closing, we had to conduct another election for President as my term expires in December. I was elected to serve a three year term and as a result, I am looking forward to both the challenge and our future. I want to personally thank all Board members for both their service and commitment to VLC and thank you for both your patience and thought fullness in handling all the requests that we receive and to all of you Lions who support VLC, a very special thank you!!!

Happy Holiday's!!!!

**Lion Stanley Patch, Jr., PDG-2
President, VLC**

VERMONT LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 45



On Saturday night, November 4th, over 130 Vermont Lions, families, friends and guests gathered for the annual Vermont Lions LCIF Super Raffle at the Hampton Inn, Colchester.

Over 115 tickets had been sold in anticipations of winning any of the over \$10,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded:

Starting with the \$100 Cash Prize donated by the Troy and Area Lions Club to the \$1,500 grand prize (2nd prize was \$500), there was many grand prizes to award to ticket owners and many door prizes to award to attendees.

At the end of the event: the Troy and Area Lions Club, Lion Carmelle Terborgh (Essex Jct. Lions Club), Lion Denny Lyster (Troy and Area Lions Club) and visiting PDG Henry McKee (44-N) split the 1st (\$1,500) and 2nd (\$500) Grand Prizes along with 3rd place prize of \$250 and 4th place prize of \$150, splitting total of \$2,400, receiving \$600 apiece.

More importantly, the winners are the individuals who will be receiving a Melvin Jones Fellow award later this year. The LCIF Super Raffle Committee would like to thank everyone: clubs, individual lions, families and friends for purchasing a ticket, buying the insurance and attending the event, especially all of the 'first timers'!!!!

More importantly, we would like to 'THANK YOU' to all the business's, clubs and individuals who made donations to be used for prizes and those individuals who help collect such prizes. Please see list and say 'thank you' to those who supported Vermont Lions. Until next year, with an even better Super Raffle, thanks from LCIF Super Raffle Committee

2017 LCIF Super Raffle: PDG Betsy MaGee and PDG Ken Emery, Co-Chairs

Committee Members: PID Tom Broughton (Middlebury), IPDG Joe Wilson (Springfield), PDG Tommy Walz (Barre), Lion Carmelita Belisle (Colchester), Lion Mark Collette (Orleans), Lion David LaRose (Essex Jct.), Lion Jay Niles (Granville), Lion Phylis Porio (Norshaft)

Company / Individual

5 Olde Tavern
99 Restaurant
Balsam Acres
Best Western - So. Portland ME
Blue Seal Food
Boston Red Sox
Buds N Roses
Champlain Valley Fair
Coburn's General Store
Commodore Inn
Connie St. George
Courtyard Marriott - Middlebury
Danforth Pewter
Dunkin Donuts
Enosburg Falls Lions Club
Essex Jct. Lions Club
Five Guys
Global Pathways Jewelry
Granville Lions Club
Hampton Inn - Colchester
Heartland Lions Club
Home Depot
Inn at Essex
Jeff's Seafood
Jericho Café & Tavern
Jericho Underhill Lions Club
K & R Garage
Lake Champlain Ferries
Lake Morey Resort
Leunig's Restaurant
Lion Bill Wetherbee
Lion Carmelita Belisle
Lion Lyle Remick
Lion Woody Stoddard
Lions Don and Linda Lane
Madeleines
Massage Envy
Members Advantage Credit Union
Milton Eyecare
Mohegan Sun
Montshire Museum

Company / Individual

Mountain High Pizza
Mt. Snow Grand Summit
Neshobe Golf Course
NorShaft Lions Club
Olive Garden
Orvis
Paula Howes
PCT Loreen Teer
PDG Betsy MaGee
PDG Mel and Lion Sue Coburn
PDG Nick Monte
Peoples United Bank
Ramunto's
Richford Lions Club
Rosie's Restaurant
Rotisserie Restaurant
Scratchard Pottery
Shaw's - Shelburne Road
Shelburne Museum
Snowflake Bentley
Strafford Area Lions Club
Tanglewood Motel - Albany NH
The Crossing
The Lightening House
Trader Duke's
Trader Joe's
Tradewinds
Troy and Area Lions Club
Twincraft
VDG Liz Fenwick
Vermont PBS
Village Gifts - Jericho
Village Peddler - East Arlington
VT Teddy Bear
Wendall's Furniture
Woodstock Inn
Woody Jackson

VERMONT LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 45



MELVIN JONES FELLOW NOMINATIONS

For all Lions Clubs and individual Lions who purchased a ticket to this year's LCIF Super Raffle, a nomination of a fellow Lion or a community resident to receive a Melvin Jones Fellow may be made. Such nomination must be made, via email (or in writing – NO VERBAL) to a LCIF Super Raffle Committee member (see list below).

Please submit name of such individual, with club / district position or community status, and reason(s) why such individual should receive a Melvin Jones Fellow (please elaborate as much as possible, do not be short on description).

Submissions must be done by **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31ST!!!!**

| Committee Member | Club | Email |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| PDG Betsy MaGee (co-chair) | Essex Jct. | lionbetsy2000@yahoo.com |
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| PDG Tommy Walz | Barre | twalz@aol.com |
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| Lion David LaRose | Essex Jct. | liondl74@yahoo.com |
| Lion Jay Niles | Granville | rniles@roadrunner.com |
| Lion Mark Collette | Orleans | 66fl10051@gmail.com |
| Lion Phylis Porio | NorShaft | norshaftlions@aol.com |

VLC Cash Fest Winners:

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------|---------------------------------|------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| October 1 | \$200 | Valley Lions | October 16 | 25 | Jackie Dutil |
| October 2 | 25 | Greg Wry | October 17 | 25 | Enosburg Falls Lions |
| October 3 | 25 | Enosburg Falls Lions | October 18 | 50 | Lyle Remick |
| October 4 | 50 | Kelly Treonze | October 19 | 25 | Connie St George |
| October 5 | 25 | Selma Wescom | October 20 | 50 | Lois / Jeff Fontaine |
| October 6 | 50 | Kelly Treonze | October 21 | 100 | Mary Tewarson \$100 Clover Towne |
| October 7 | 50 | Helen Bigelow | October 22 | 75 | Kelly Treonze |
| October 8 | 75 | Vickie Wursthorn | October 23 | 25 | Mel Colburn |
| October 9 | 25 | Scott Robare | October 24 | 25 | Kelly Treonze |
| October 10 | 25 | Valley Lions | October 25 | 50 | Jane Tudor |
| October 11 | 50 | Theresa Smart | October 26 | 25 | Kelly Treonze |
| October 12 | 25 | Russ Rexford | October 27 | 50 | Kelly Treonze |
| October 13 | 50 | Karen Yacos | October 28 | 50 | Janet Moulton |
| October 14 | 50 | Doris Maynard | October 29 | 75 | Norshaft Lions |
| October 15 | 100 | Valley Lions \$100 Valley Lions | October 30 | 25 | Valley Lions |
| | | | October 31 | 200 | Enosburg Lions |

LIONS QUEST



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To all members of District 45:

I am sure that all of us have read with increasing concern and horror about the epidemic of drug related deaths among our Youth in Vermont. It seems as though we are losing a generation to this horrific scourge in our communities. I am sure that everyone knows of some family that has been affected by drug addictions, alcohol and the sadness of the loss of our loved ones and all the potential of our up and coming generations.

Feeling helpless is not an emotion that we as Lions dwell on. WE SERVE. We, as Lions, will always look for a way to support our neighbors, if it is to visit someone who is sick with a bowl of that home made soup, donate to a food bank to fight hunger, help with vision screening, or raise money for a natural disaster like Irene. Well, I feel that we are in the middle of an UN - NATURAL disaster at the moment and our children and youth are in the greatest danger we have ever seen.

We are not helpless if we can support our children and youth – giving them skills to make positive decisions, giving them a positive view of who they are and what they can do and link them to their communities by service.

At our August Board Meeting, we were fortunate enough to have Kelly Anderson speak to us about the Lions Quest Program.

Lions Quest is a school – based life skills program for children ages 5 – 18. In the US education system, this encompasses children from Kindergarten to the 12th Grade. Originally Lions partnered with Quest International to serve youth in 1964. It became part of LCIF in 2002 to increase the program's reach and to offer greater support and visibility for the Lions who work with their local schools and communities on the program. Over 18 million youth have taken part in a Lions Quest classroom. The program has received high ratings from government agencies and educational groups. It has been implemented in more than 80 countries and program materials have been translated into nearly 40 languages.

LIONS QUEST



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The Lions Quest programs bring parents, educators, and community leaders together to teach children important life skills within a caring and consistent environment. This includes developing skills needed for self-discipline, responsibility, good judgment, conflict resolution, and the ability to get along with others. As a curriculum-based program, Lions Quest provides detailed lesson plans and classroom materials. All lessons are designed to complement the standard curriculum, offering a variety of ways to teach and reinforce social and academic skills. Research shows that students' academic achievement increases with the implementation of a social and emotional learning curriculum. Lions Quest also emphasizes service learning; students learn important leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school and community service projects. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, students who are involved in helping out in the community are happier at home, less likely to use alcohol or other drugs, and more successful in, and committed to school.

To enable this program to take place in your community, LCIF and the Lions Quest Team are prepared to offer grants for training and materials. This is a start, but the core of success is building partnership between your Lions Club and other community groups (e.g. police, health, education, colleges, and the business community).

Please consider the adoption of this service project in your community and think about supporting the "Seed Corn" of our future – our children.

**Contact: Lion George Blodson
VDG Liz Fennick**



Eye Glass Recycling Instructions

We need your assistance again. At the last Cabinet meeting clubs did a terrific job turning in their eyeglasses for recycling, but we made work for the Vergennes Lions because not all clubs prepped their donations as necessary.

- 1) We want eyeglasses not cases. Remove any eyeglass cases and discard or recycle the cases. We only need the eyeglasses to be turned in.**
- 2) Write your FULL Club Name and the count of glasses in the box on the outside of the box. These boxes will be transported in the back of a pickup at 72 mph...any loose note will be blown away...and at least one was.**
- 3) Seal the box firmly for transport. The box will not be opened until it gets to New Jersey so ensure that only glasses are inside.**

Finally many folks were asking for an address so that they could hand deliver their glasses. The district's glasses are being consolidated at Lion Brad Howe's home in Vergennes. The physical address (not the mailing address) is 125 Sunset Knoll, Vergennes, VT. Please call Brad at 802-759-2141 prior to delivering to ensure that he will be there to receive.

Lion Randy from Middlebury Lions will continue to transport glasses from cabinet meetings to Brad's home, so feel free to continue to bring them to cabinet meetings. You can even bring them to the spring convention, but those won't count for this year's total for competition purposes...but they will count toward next year's competition.

Every Order You Place with Amazon can benefit Vermont Lions Charities

Amazonsmile

It's easy....

Type in <https://smile.amazon.com/>

On your first visit to AmazonSmile

(smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization (i.e., Vermont Lions Charities) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Just remember to go to smile.amazon.com for all your future shopping.

D-45 Centennial Coordinator's Corner

Centennial Service Challenge

For nearly 100 years, Lions have changed lives in their communities and around the world. In celebration of our Centennial in 2017, Lions everywhere are being challenged to serve 100 million people. You're invited to join the celebration by helping us reach our goal. Your club can earn special Centennial recognition by hosting a service project that benefits Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this historic event—start planning your next Centennial Service Challenge event today!



Centennial Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special *Limited Edition* awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs.



Centennial Community Legacy Projects

Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

Editor's Corner

A Quick Note from the Editor:

Please help the Communique remain on schedule by doing the following:

1. Submit by the 20th of the month for the following month's Communique
2. Pick 3-5 pictures, maximum to submit (per event) and please tell us who is in the pictures, what club they represent and what event the photo was taken at.
3. Please proof your work before submitting it. We will quickly check spelling but you'll need to make sure that names/dates/locations are correct.

Thank you in advance!

Lion Amy Herrmann

Please follow these simple steps:

*****NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!*****

1st: When sending correspondence to be included in the Communiqué, please put 'For Communique' in the subject line of the email. Emails to communique@vermontlions.org are received by several Lions and we need to be sure that it is directed properly.

2nd: A quick Marketing 101 reminder: Be sure to include the 5 W's. Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? when sending information for inclusion in the Communiqué.

For example (and a shameless plug!): (Who)The Manchester Lions Club will be hosting (What) the Maple Leaf Half Marathon, a Top Ten Fall Event, on (When) Saturday September 9, 2017(Where)The event begins at ends at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, 340 Rec Park Road, Manchester, Vermont. (Why)Monies raised from the event are donated back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations. (How) For more information or to register please visit our website at www.manchestervtmapleleaf.com

3rd: Start advertising your event months in advance. Don't wait until the September Communiqué to promote a September event. Send the information as early as possible. I'll get it on the calendar and begin promoting it for you.

Lastly: Please submit items in one of the following formats: **PDF, Word, or JPEG**. Please help me get the Communique posted on time each month by submitting items early and in the proper format. I do have the ability to edit just about anything but would prefer print-ready submissions (in the interest of time).

All information/photos MUST be received by the 20th of each month.