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Dear fellow District 45 members,

Wow, where has the year gone!!! Seems like just yesterday the Lions year of 2019 – 2020 was just starting. Now it is almost over.

It has been a fantastic year. I would like to say ‘thank you’ to my right hand partner in the year, CT Dianne Brochu, all of the GAT members, all of the Zone Chairs, all of the Cabinet members, the Past District Governors and all of the club Presidents and Secretaries of District 45 and all of our fellow District 45 Lions.

Want to say ‘thank you’ to all of the clubs that allowed me to visit them. Like to say ‘thank you’ for all of the great meals and the great gifts that the clubs provided.

Being the second time around being Past District Governor I enjoyed it just as much, even more, than the first-time being District Governor.

Looking forward to helping DGE Pam, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Carol and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Kathy with their efforts for the 2020 – 2021 year. Looking forward to working with the Club Presidents and Secretary’s for 2020 – 2021.

I know we are all going through a very rough time right now. A lot of our summer fundraisers have been cancelled. Plans we normally make for service projects have been placed on hold. Hopefully when schools reopen, we will be able to continue our very important vision screening.

Stay positive!! Continue to looking forward!!! Don’t be afraid to try something new. Not that what we have been doing is wrong. But now is a great time to reevaluate what you have been doing.

But in the meantime, I want to say ‘thank you’ to all of our Lions who are or are partners of first responders, all of our Lions who are or are partners working on the front lines of the pandemic, all of our Lions who are or are partners of those working on the ‘front lines’ of our world, whether the local postal service, the grocery stores, anywhere in our local communities.

Stay safe everyone. Take care. Until we meet again somewhere along the Lions trail!!!

Yours in Lionism,

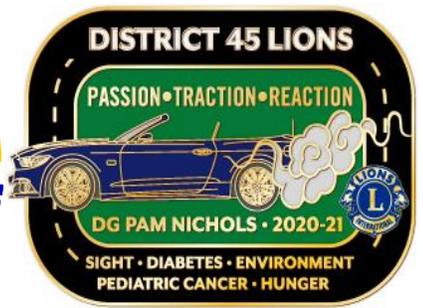
*DG Ken*

## District 45 Calendar

6/1/2020	Helen Keller Day
6/5/2020	World Environment Day
6/7/2020	Lions Club International Birthday, 103 <sup>nd</sup>
7/12/2020	Organizational Meeting, Dorset VT
8/23/2020	Colchester, 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Ball Drop
8/30/2020	Summer Cabinet Meeting, Manchester, VT
11/1/2020	Fall Cabinet Meeting, Rutland, VT
1/9/2021	Winter Cabinet Meeting, Barre, VT
3/6/2021	Spring Cabinet Meeting, Essex, VT
3/6/2021	LCIF Super Raffle, Essex, VT
5/7-5/9/2021	2021 Spring Convention, Manchester, VT
	<b>Don't see your club's activity listed?</b> <b>Email it to the <a href="#">Communique!</a></b>



If you are interested in serving as Communique Editor, please contact Lion Carol Greene. As you know Lion Carol Greene, is now our First Vice District Governor. Please email [vtlioncarol@gmail.com](mailto:vtlioncarol@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. Thanks!



# FOURTH AND GOAL HAS BECOME!!!

## Take your Passion, make some Traction, get their Reaction!!!

### MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE Prize money for Admn. Funds.

Purpose of challenge: **NEW MEMBERS!!!**

Given the pandemic issues, challenge has been extended!!!

Original Time Period: 4/1/20 – 6/30/20, **extended to September 30, 2020**

Prizes to be drawn Fall Conference 2020 - 2021

This is a 2-section challenge

**Section 1: Clubs with no new members as of 3 31 2020**

Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 4<sup>th</sup> \$15 5<sup>th</sup> \$10

For each member a club brings in, they will receive an entry into the raffle. One member, one entry, 5 members 5 entries. One prize per club

**Section 2: Clubs who have brought in at least 1 new member prior to 3 31 2020**

Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> \$100 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 4<sup>th</sup> \$15 5<sup>th</sup> \$10

All clubs will automatic get one entry into raffle. For each new member they being in, they will receive an additional entry. **BUT for each member they drop due to non-attendance or non-payment they will forfeit their entry into raffle.** One prize per club.

**FOR ALL CLUBS: 1<sup>st</sup> 20 members added to Clubs / Districts roster, will have their District dues for 2020 – 2021 paid for.**





# Club News



## Barre Lions

*By Lion Judy Cookson*

Barre Lions Stacy Cadorette and Mark Tatro prepare for THE FOOD FROM THE HEART FOOD DRIVE that was held on May 14th. Lion Mark set up a fundraiser on Facebook and with that, and only a two week window for other great publicity, and a banner donated by Yipes Stripes, we raised \$4,000 and collected a half a ton of food and other products! Checks for \$750 were given to the food shelves at Capstone and The Salvation Army, and the food shelves at Hedding Methodist Church and St Monica's received checks for \$750 and the food and other

products. Everything was dropped off safely at Tatro's Appliance.

The outpouring and appreciation from the community was heartwarming.



For the last five years, every time there are five Saturdays in the month, The Barre Lions Club, serving Central Vermont, prepares a community breakfast at The Barre Congregational Church. Since the shut down of churches, the meals are prepared in takeout containers and delivered to a motel in Montpelier where people without housing are staying. We miss the comraderie, but the mission is accomplished.



## Heartland Lions

*By Lion Carol Greene*

Heartland Lions Club has donated \$500 to the VNA to assist them during the Pandemic. The club also continues to monitor Paine's Beach which is currently closed to the public until word is received it can be open. They had a clean-up day on Saturday, May 30 at Paine's Beach.



## **Colchester Lions**

*By DG Ken Emery*

On Wednesday night, May 20th, the Colchester Lion Club hosted for the 13th year, its annual Speakout (Speech) contest for High School Students.

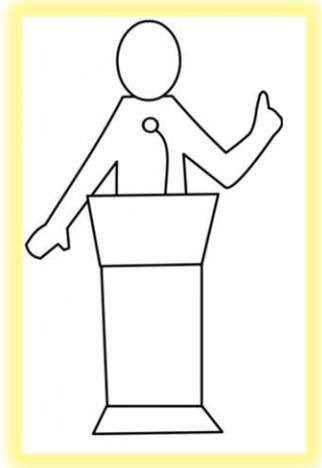
Original plans were to have 7 contestants, but unfortunately, 3 had to cancel due to studies they were involved in for AP courses. One student was not able to participate due to issues in connecting to the 'Zoom' meeting.

Of the 3 that were able to attend, Gabrielle Berthiaume was the winner. Ties for second was Tullia Mamenga and Fariha Nawar.

In attendance, was guest judge Zone 1-B Chair Kendal Holden, along with District 45 Speakout co-chairs, 2nd VDGE Kathy Dorman and Lion Connie St. George, along with Robert Hall, Colchester In attendance, was guest judge Zone 1-B Chair Kendal Holden, along with District 45 Speakout co-chairs, 2nd VDGE Kathy Dorman and Lion Connie St. George, along with Robert Hall, Colchester High School Debate Team leader and Noah Detzer, Milton High School Debate Team leader.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Ken Emery  
Colchester Lions Club  
Co-Chair Speakout Contest



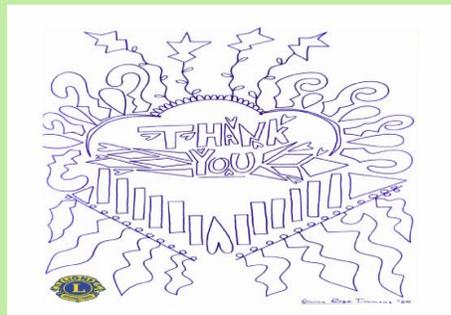
## Deerfield Valley Lions

By Lion Mark Hanna

VP Julie Muller, working with other Deerfield Valley Lions, has a fun and rewarding new program going in our community, and I wanted to share it with D45.

We want to thank our essential workers, and a second way – in addition to the big community Thank You banners that you saw in the Communique. Pretty awesome little project that helps with awareness – both for deserved recognition of selfless community workers as well as for our club.

Hopefully you all have been tracking on our Lions Club Thank You Art Project. I'm including an explanation below.



### Purpose:

To show appreciation to people who are giving of themselves to make things better for others... this may be people you know or people you don't; people who do big things or people who do little things; essential workers or those working from home; it's about saying thanks for being part of our community!

### Who can Participate?

Anyone! No one is too young or too old to tap into their creativity and express gratitude!

### Questions or Assistance?

If you have any questions or you need assistance, please email us at <mailto:dvvtlions@gmail.com>

### How do I participate?

- Download (attached here), print a copy and complete the Lions Thank You coloring page OR create your own version of Thank You Art.
- We will also have some printed copies available on the Shaw's bulletin board and the Jacksonville and West Dover post offices.
- Once it's completed, capture the art with a photo and email it to <mailto:dvvtlions@gmail.com> and we will post it on our Facebook Page (@WhitinghamHalifaxLionsClub)

- Next steps are up to you!
  - o Post it! On your window or on Social Media!
  - o Mail it to someone special!
  - o Deliver it (following social distancing rules)

Please feel free to share it with your friends and family!

Way to go, Julie! Lions will make you smile.



## VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45 2020-2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Organizational Meeting:

Sunday July 12, 2020  
1013 Route 30

DG Pam's home  
Dorset, Vermont

### Summer Cabinet Meeting

Sunday August 30, 2020

Manchester, Vermont

### Fall Cabinet Meeting

Sunday November 1, 2020

Rutland, Vermont

### Winter Cabinet Meeting

Saturday January 9, 2021

Barre Vermont

### Spring Cabinet Meeting

Saturday March 6, 2021

Inn at Essex, Essex Vermont

### Super Raffle

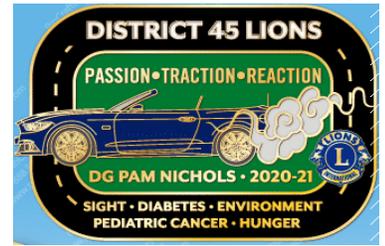
Saturday March 6, 2021

Inn at Essex, Essex Vermont

### 2021 Spring Convention

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 7, 8 & 9, 2021  
The Equinox Resort & Spa  
Manchester Center, Vermont





*DGE Message*

Thank You! I just wanted to say I am humbled and grateful to have another chance to be your District Governor! For those of you who took the time to vote Thank You! How resilient we are! We were able to vote via zoom with DG Kens leadership we in District 45 jumped in to serve a totally different way. A special thank you to PCT Brenda, and PCS Anna for helping with the vote and the Tally so very proud of you and your leadership.

Plans for this year are definitely questionable, our organizational meeting is at my house in Dorset under a tent with distance between us. Unfortunately, I had to change the August meeting to Manchester the other places I wanted to be are not open to make a reservation! And will the restrictions be lifted. We don't know the answer to that.

If they are not. I will move it again to September.

WE WILL NOT MEET IF I FEEL THAT ANYONE Might be in danger. I WILL NOT take that chance with your health. I might ask you to wear a mask if we do meet.

If you have a problem with that it is not Negotiable! We cannot chance the health of our members.

I am grateful that DG Ken and I are the ones to deal with this! If we can't meet at least we have done it in the past. The new up and coming DG's AKA Carol Greene and Kathy Dorman can have a full a rewarding year ahead of them. We can hope!

Dates to remember. June 20 Official officer training including zone chairs membership chairs and any other lion choosing to go will get more paperwork as time gets closer it will may be via Zoom 2 dates for each so more people can attend

July 12. Organizational meeting. 1013 Rt 30, Dorset VT. Details to be announced  
(So far a 25 person limit)

August 30. Manchester Eagles, Manchester, VT

November 1 Cabinet meeting. Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT

January 9 Food packing program Barre, VT

March 6 Cabinet meeting and super raffle Inn at Essex VT

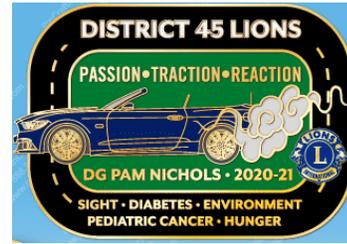
May. 7,8,9 Equinox Hotel. 2021 Spring Convention. Manchester, VT

Further communication will be sent, once available.

Hope to talk to you all soon and praying that we all can get together soon!

Yours in service always ~ *DGE Pam Nichols*





WE SERVE  
**VERMONT LIONS DISTRICT 45  
 TO ALL LIONS**

**2020-2021 Organizational Meeting**

**Sunday July 12, 2020**

Time: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

LOCATION: District Governor Pam's Dorset Home  
 1013 Route 30, Dorset, Vermont 05251

Registration: \$15.00 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Monday July 6, 2020

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

District Leadership team, Past District Governors, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, Club Membership Chairs, Zone Chairs, Guiding Lions and all Lions in District 45 who want to learn more about our clubs and our district and the future Plans for 2020-2021

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 District Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS July 6, 2020**

Mail to: CST PDG Bob Wilcox, P.O. Box 321, Shaftsbury, Vermont 05262

Cell: 802-379-2600 OR email to: [wilcoxrw@aol.com](mailto:wilcoxrw@aol.com)

Please bring a folding chair or lawn chair and a face covering

Register early—at this time, we can only have a group of 25 or less

# From Beneficiary to Benefactor

BY JOAN CARY

The thing is, serving isn't only about doing something for your community. When a club is truly respected and well-known, the community can't help but give back.

## There's No Place Like Home

When the Granville Lions in New York learned that the community's food pantry was running out of space in the basement of a church where they had been for 30 years, they chose to help. They did the same for the pantry as they had done for the Granville Senior Citizens Center years before. They bought them a permanent home.

The club of about 35 members in the town of 7,000 also heard that a small former church building was for sale. After two years of negotiations with the Catholic diocese, the club wrote a check for US\$52,000 to purchase All Saints Hall, then transferred it to the food pantry.

Granville Area Food Pantry and Community Service is now just two doors from the senior center in another former church.



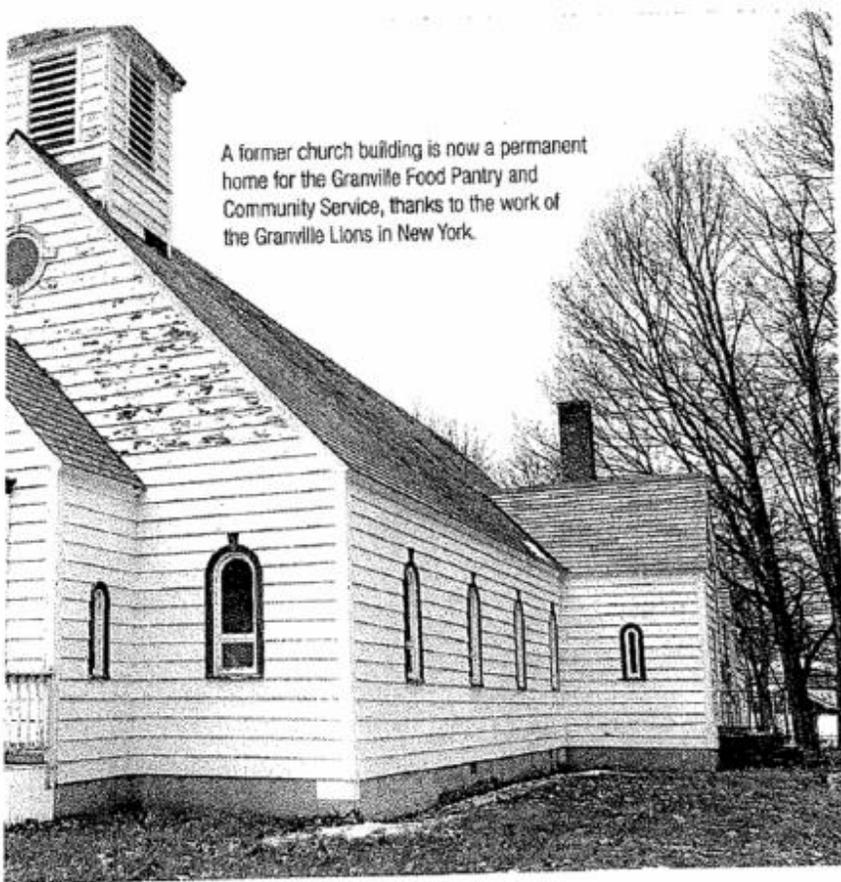
Families in Monroe, Connecticut, enjoy new library space because one couple and one club – the Monroe Lions – chose to pay it forward.

Since chartering in 1960, the Granville Lions Club has contributed more than US\$1.5 million to the local community. Lion Ron Barrett, a Granville Lion since 1970, says that while the work of Lions has benefitted their community, it's helped Lions like him as well.

"I've gotten a lot out of it, too," says Barrett, who originated the pantry project. "It makes you feel good."

Over the years the club has helped form the Granview Rescue Squad, supported the library capital fund, given out US\$75,000 in high school scholarships, provided US\$20,000 for the fire department's thermal imaging camera, backed various Little League projects, spent more than US\$100,000 on hearing and eye needs of residents, and donated US\$70,000 to the Lions Eye Institute in Albany, NY.

The club is able to do all this by way of its unique fundraiser – buying and reselling closeout and overstocked patio furniture. In the 1960s, Robert Vanderminden, the head of the family-owned company Telescope Casual Furniture in Granville, joined Lions and set up the annual sale. Since then, Granville Lions have been buying the closeouts and overstocked items from Telescope and selling them from Lion-owned warehouses on Lion Lane. On weekends from May through August the club divides into five teams who take



A former church building is now a permanent home for the Granville Food Pantry and Community Service, thanks to the work of the Granville Lions in New York.

turns running the weekend business, and Barrett says shoppers come as far as 70 miles to buy from them.

It's this kind of work that allows Lions to do what they do, and that's appreciated, says the Rev. Jerry McKinney, president of the pantry board. He hopes this latest effort by Lions increases awareness of what Lions contribute to their community.

Barrett, who is 79, hopes more young people will get involved in the club.

### Great Expectations

Lions are all about paying it forward. But in Monroe, Connecticut, one couple and one Lions Club have uniquely extended their pay-it-forward generosity to their community for years to come.

Lion Len Berger, a club member for 51 years, tells the story of how years ago the Monroe Lions planned their evening meetings at a local restaurant where the owner required them to guarantee a minimum number of meals. On the day before each

meeting he wanted to know how many would be in attendance. If the number of Lions coming fell short of the guarantee, they would contact the social director for their town to invite community members, often seniors, to join them. The Lions' guests were told they were welcome to stay for the meeting, but certainly weren't required to.

Among those who came several times were Charles and Lillian Wilton who would enjoy dinner and the meeting, then thank the Lions before they went home.

Years passed and things changed, including the club's meeting spot.

Then, one day in 2012, the Monroe Lions were called to probate court. The club was named as a beneficiary in the estate of Lillian Wilton.

Charles Wilton had died in 2008 and left his estate to care for his wife. "Charlie and 'Lil," married for 63 years, had no children, and when Lillian died, 80 percent of the

Wiltons' more than US\$3 million estate was left to be divided by seven not-for-profits in Monroe, including the Lions. The other 20 percent went to extended family members.

The Monroe Lions were taken aback. No one would describe the couples' lifestyle as extravagant, but apparently they had also inherited money, and they chose to pay it forward.

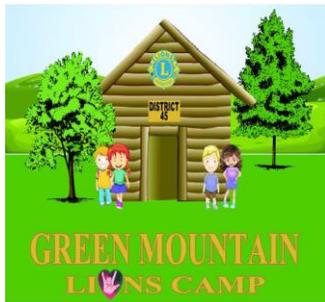
The club formed a 501(c)(3), Monroe Lions Charities, Inc., and invested the funds. Since then the charity has annually distributed approximately 5% of the portfolio's income and growth to other organizations and agencies, including Boy and Girl Scouts, Lions Low Vision Centers of Fairfield & New Haven Counties, and Monroe Volunteer Emergency Medical Services, as well as LCIF.

In 2019, the Lions took an even bigger step, donating US\$93,000 to the Friends of the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library, providing half the funds needed for a renovation of the library's upper level. It now includes the Monroe Lions Club Co-op and Café with coffee and comfy chairs, a teen space, and a Makerspace.

"The community is thrilled. It's a win-win," says Berger. "It's a win for the town and it's an extremely positive representation of the Lions."

What it does not mean is that the Monroe Lions sit back and rely on their inheritance.

"By using this investment strategy, we hope to be able to provide financial support for many years," says Berger. "But the club and the charity are separate entities." The club still has a pancake breakfast and a variety of activities and fundraisers. With a budget of US\$8,000 to US\$12,000 a year, the Monroe Lions Club supports the food pantry, funds scholarships, decorates Town Hall for the holidays, and more. **1**



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## Farrar Steckley Memorial Raffle

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BIG 3 WINNERS:**  
**Telescope Patio Furniture Set: PCT Brenda Seitz**  
**\$500 Cash Prize – Lion Mark Hanna**  
**Geiger Jacket – Lion Leon Pillsbury**

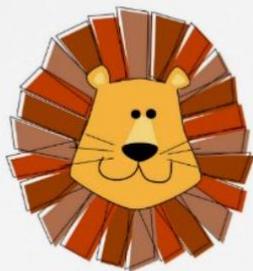
Please see listing for all winners!!!

The GMLC Tri- Chairs, Raffle chair and committee members would like to say ‘thank you’ to all who purchased tickets and donated prizes for this year’s raffle.

Even though the camp will not be held this year, monies raised will be saved for next year’s camp. Please watch for additional information for the 2021 camp edition.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Donated By:</i>	<i>Est. Value</i>	<i>Winners</i>
Telescope Patio Furniture Set	Granville Lions Club	\$700.00	PCT Brenda Seitz
\$500 Cash Prize	GMLC Committee	\$500.00	Lion Mark Hanna
Geiger Jacket	Lion Connie St. George	\$400.00	Lion Leon Pillsbury
\$100 Cash Prize	PDG Betsy MaGee	\$100.00	Ziggy' Emery
Skin Solutions One Hour Facial Treatment	DG Ken Emery	\$100.00	Lion Russell Rexford
Wicker Magazine Rack	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$80.00	Lion Carol Hakey
Singing Valentines Certificate	Green Mountain Chorus	\$55.00	Lion Linda Meskun
Irving Gas Gift Certificate	DG Ken Emery	\$50.00	Lion Peg Wilson
Spa Basket	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$50.00	Colchester Lions Club
Wooden Stenciled 'Welcome' sign	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$50.00	Lion Judy Cookson
"Maple' Basket of Goodies	Lion Carmelita Belisle	\$45.00	PDG Betsy MaGee
Comforter Set	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$40.00	Dick Tomasini
Edible Arrangements Certificate	PDG Betsy MaGee	\$38.00	PCS Cindy Berg
Outdoor LP Gas Barbecue Grill	PCS Cindy Berg	\$35.00	Lion Heather Hinman
Bath Times' Basket of Goodis	Lion Carmelita Belisle	\$30.00	Charlene Broughton
Flannel Insulated Jacket	DG Ken Emery	\$30.00	Lions Keith / Alisa Thompson
Halloween 'Welcome' Sign	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$30.00	1st VDGE Carol Greene
2 One-way passes - Lake Champlain Ferries	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$25.00	Melinda Lindsey
5 Olde Tavern Gift Certificate	Heartland Lion Club	\$25.00	PCST Bruce Savery
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Black & Decker Buffet Ranch	PCT Loreen Teer	\$25.00	Lion John Lawe
Dunkin Gift Certificate	DG Ken Emery	\$25.00	Lion Marylou Jacobs
Men's Winter Wear Set	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$25.00	PCST John Sprague

Messier's Garage Certificate	1st VDGE Carol Greene	\$25.00	PCS Cindy Berg
Soccer' Mat Frame	Anonymous	\$25.00	Lion Meghan Corbett
Women's Winter Wear Set	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$25.00	Lion Claudia Cabral
Deer with Plush Blanket	DG Ken Emery	\$20.00	Colchester Lions Club
Deer with Plush Blanket	DG Ken Emery	\$20.00	PDG Betsy MaGee
Disney Princess / Frozen Cosmetic Set	DG Ken Emery	\$20.00	PDG Patrick McWilliams
Disney Princess / Frozen Cosmetic Set	DG Ken Emery	\$20.00	Lion Charles Livendale
Men's Leather Work Gloves	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$15.00	Lion Leon Pillsbury
1 homemade poncho w/ 2 chocolater Easter bunnies	District 45	\$12.00	Lion Mark Wilson
1 homemade poncho w/ 2 chocolater Easter bunnies	District 45	\$12.00	Lion Bob Harrington
1 homemade poncho w/ 2 chocolater Easter bunnies	District 45	\$12.00	PDG Mel Coburn
1 homemade poncho w/ 2 chocolater Easter bunnies	District 45	\$12.00	PDG Patrick McWilliams
Master and Commander DVD w/ 2 chocolater Easter Bunnies	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$12.00	Lion Meghan Corbett
Travel Mug w/ 2 chocolate Easter Bunnies	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$12.00	Lion Jackie Dutil
Shower Collection Set	DG Ken Emery	\$10.00	Ronald Walczak
Shower Collection Set	DG Ken Emery	\$10.00	Lion Kathy Whitman
Duck Soap Basket	Lion Carmelita Belisle	\$10.00	Lion Wendall Fortier
Duck Soap Basket	Lion Carmelita Belisle	\$10.00	Lion Art Whitman
Duck Soap Basket	Lion Carmelita Belisle	\$10.00	Lion Doug Stuart
Froggie Soap Basket	Lion Carmelita Belisle	\$10.00	Colchester Lions Club
Froggie Soap Basket	Lion Carmelita Belisle	\$10.00	Peggy Crossman
Froggie Soap Basket	Lion Carmelita Belisle	\$10.00	Lion Doug Stuart
Men' Knit Work Gloves	PCT Brenda Seitz	\$10.00	PDG Thomas Bizon
Winter Bird Food Combination	DG Ken Emery	\$25.00	Lion Wendy Chenaille
Homemade Lap Blanket	PCT Loreen Teer	\$40.00	Lion Dave Crane
Exxon Mobile Gift Card	DG Ken Emery	\$50.00	PDG Betsy MaGee
Sunglasses	Anoymous	\$25.00	Colchester Lions Club
Sunglasses	Anoymous	\$25.00	Lion Wendell Fortier
Sunglasses	Anoymous	\$25.00	Colchester Lions Club



**Thank you!**