

the LION'S ROAR...

your DISTRICT 44N Monthly NEWS!

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Don't Let April Fool You

The month of April is noted for April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day, are we being fooled thinking of the end of our Lionistic year is in sight or the old "we got plenty of time" and putting off important duties ahead.

Clubs- Do you have officers elected? Are they going to The **LEADERSHIP FORUM, APRIL 9TH** at the Manchester Community College. Secretaries have you filed your PU 101 on the LCI website? Both LCI and MD District Directory editor need that info as soon as possible to get their jobs done.

Clubs- have you completed all 4 **CELEBRATE THE CENTURY requirements**? Has your secretary properly recorded them? Secretaries remember that the items are not recorded until you hit the save/submit button. 11 clubs have already completed them and another 4 have 3 done. LCI has just asked for each club to name a **CTC** coordinator for your club(see Lion Phil's article).

LTSSA Banquet is April 3rd in Lebanon NH at the Elks Club. Does your school have a player? Have you invited them to a meeting, given tickets or sponsorship to them?

VISION WEEKEND 2016 is April 22,23,and 24 in Nashua someone in your club want to help? Someone in your community qualify to go as a participant?

SPRING CONVENTION applications are in the **ROAR**, " Halloween in the Hills" is the theme, Friday Night is **TRICK OR TREAT** time. Our guest from **LCI** is International Director Jack Epperson and Lion Mary from Nevada. Rumor has it PDG Melody may join us.

OK, OK, OK, OK I SOUND TOO MUCH LIKE A NAGGING PARENT INSTEAD OF THE CRAZY UNCLE!!

How has your year been going? I have had a great support group with the Leadership team, some tough times but the long range goals and planning is shaping up and FVDG Christine and SVDG Eric have got plenty of training and Christine has some super goals lined up for next year. GMT Fred is still grinding on getting a new club and GLT Sandra has Guiding Lion classes set up at spring convention.

A FIRST FOR OUR DISTRICT- At a recent Goffstown meeting I inducted 7 new members, but one was done over **FACE TIME** as proud dad Scott Gross held the phone as she accepted her new Lions duty. I still don't know how she blew out the candle.

Have a great April let's get rolling to have a super end of the year.



NH FISH & GAME IS STOCKING THE STREAMS AND PONDS FOR THE FISHERMAN, ARE WE STOCKING OUR CLUBS WITH NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES?

TIGHT LINES- DG HENRY

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Deadline for submitting articles to be published for May 2016, each and every submission, should reach me by no later than

12:00 pm noon time on

Saturday, April 23

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Brotherly DG LOVE?



First time members joining members from the Chesterfield and Keene clubs at the 44N Cabinet Meeting.



MCC Terri McGrew presenting Lion Nancy Charbono-Ricard with A Certificate of Appreciation (4th highest award) during the 44N Cabinet Meeting in Lebanon

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sat, Apr 9
NH Lions Forum
Manchester Community College
1066 Front Street, Manchester, NH

Sat, Apr 9
Noche Mexicana
Margaritas Mexican Restaurant
1037 Elm Street, Manchester, NH

Fri-Sun, Apr 22-24
NH Lions Recreational Weekend for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Marriott Courtyard, Nashua NH

Sun, Apr 24
Welcome Home Phil & Evie Flynn
21 Glasgow Circle, Hudson, NH

Sun, Apr 24
Train Show- Cawley Middle School
89 Whitehall Road, Rt 27
Hooksett, NH

Sun, May 1
Music Event—Camp Allen
56 Camp Allen Road, Bedford, NH

Fri-Sun, May 13-15
44N Spring Convention
Snowy Owl Resort
Waterville Valley, NH

Sun, Jun 5
LS&H Dinner In The Dark
White Birch Banquet Hall
Hudson, NH

Mon, Aug 1
Merrimack Charity Golf Tournament
Amherst Country Club
Amherst, NH

Thu-Sat, Sep 15-17
40th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Omaha, NE



2016 NH LIONS FORUM- SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2016- MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE at
1066 Front Street- Manchester, NH

**DID YOU FORGET TO REGISTER?
PLEASE REGISTER RIGHT NOW!**

ALL LIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 44

\$5.00 Registration Fee per person

Please List Class Sessions for every attendee so the Instructors can be prepared with enough printed materials and have enough seats set up

Make check payable to: NHAPPDG (NH Association of Past and Present District Governors)

Mail to: PCC Celeste Ricupero 7 Winn Ave Hudson, NH 03051

NAME: _____

CLASSES: _____

E-MAIL _____

PHONE # _____

LIONS CLUB: _____

Deadline to register: APRIL 1, 2016

**2016 NH LIONS FORUM- SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2016- MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE at
1066 Front Street- Manchester, NH**

8:00 am – 8:35 am	REGISTRATION	COFFEE & PASTRIES				
8:35 am – 9:00 am	GREETING <i>Dean PCC Celeste Ricupero</i>					
ROOM # 1 9:15 am-9:45 am Fundraising Ideas <i>Cheryl Cataldo</i> & 9:45 am- 10:15 am Tail Twisting Ideas <i>Lion Sue Lindberg</i> 30 minutes per class	ROOM # 2 9:15 am-10:15 am Membership & Projects " a Great Way to Keep Lions Engaged and Attract Members <i>PCC Mike Baillargeon</i> & DG Henry McKee	ROOM # 3 9:15 am-10:15 am NH Lions Health Services <i>Judy Del Valle-Webb</i> (15 Minutes) Vision 2015 (10 minutes) <i>PDG Nancy Nye</i> Dog Sight (10 Minutes) <i>Lion Linda Piekarski</i> Sight & Hearing (15 min.) <i>PDG Sandra Hurd</i> LYS (10 min.) <i>Marie Hall</i>	ROOM # 4 9:15 am-11:00 am Club President <i>VDG Al Goldstein</i> & <i>VDG Christine Greenwood</i> 9:30 am – 9:45 am Club Protocol <i>PCC Ellie Johnson</i>	ROOM # 5 9:15 am-11:00 am 1 st hour dedicated to 1 st time secretaries Club Secretary <i>Lion Diane Guerriere</i> <u><i>Please bring your laptop</i></u>	ROOM # 6 9:15 am-10:15 am <i>Zone Chairs</i> <i>PDG Sandra Hurd</i> & <i>GLT Jerry Vaccaro</i>	ROOM # 7 9:15am-10:15am Technology: Computer ABC's Creating Club Websites Social Media – Face Book & Twitter <i>PDG Wayne Auger</i>
10:25 am–11:00 am GMT & GLT Today – Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going " An In-Depth Look at Changes and Tweaks in These Two Successful Programs <i>Centennial</i> <i>PID Ed Lecius</i>	10:25 am–11:20 am So You Want to be a District Governor <i>PCC Ellie Johnson</i>	10:25 am – 11:00 am <i>OKS Spot Screeners</i> <i>Procedures & Screening</i> <i>Demonstrations</i> <i>Lion Bob Laferriere &</i> <i>Lion Judy Del Valle-</i> <i>Webb</i>	Club President Continues with: "Tips and Techniques for a Great Meeting" <i>Lion Joe Kasper</i>	Club Secretary Continues to 11:00 am	10:25 am- 11 am <i>Lions Clubs International</i> <i>Foundation Grants</i> <i>DG Scott Wilson</i>	Technology Class Continues to 11:00 am
11:15 am – 12:30 pm Conflict Resolution (presented at USA- Canada Forum 2013) <i>PDG Joyce Hogan</i> <i>from Massachusetts</i>	11:30 am- 12:30 pm <i>Club Treasurer</i> & <i>Use Of Funds Guidelines</i> <i>Lion Fred Plett</i>	11:15 am – 12:30 pm <i>Camp Pride</i> <i>Lion Peter LaPointe</i> <i>Camp Allen</i> <i>Michael Constance</i>	11:15 am – 12:30 pm Successful Public Speaking for All Lions <i>Lion Joe Kasper</i>	11:15 am – 12:30 pm Club Orientation for ALL Lions <i>PCC Bruce Ribolini &</i> <i>VDG Al Goldstein</i>	11:15 am - 12:30 pm <i>Blueprint for Stronger</i> <i>Clubs &</i> <i>Your Club Your Way</i> <i>PDG Sandra Hurd &</i> <i>Lion Jerry Vaccaro</i>	11:15 am – 12:30 pm <i>Elii Program</i> <i>DG Scott Wilson</i> & <i>DG Henry McKee</i>



Welcome Home PDG Phil & Lion Evie

Many of you asked, some of you have already done something. No matter, the Nashua Lions Club & Hudson Women's Club invite you to stop by and welcome PDG Phil & Lion Evie Flynn back into their home after that tragic fire last spring.

We will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, April 24th from 12-2pm at their home 21 Glasgow Circle in Hudson. Drop by and say hello.

If you'd like to bring a gift card or something else --

or just want to say hello,

They would love to see you!

Pastries (yes there will be éclairs),

Punch and Coffee will be served

along with Fellowship!

No need to RVSP --

just drop by between 12noon-2pm

on Sunday, April 24th!

Spring INTO ACTION at the 44^N Convention of 2016

May 13 -15
Snowy Owl Resort
Waterville Valley, NH

Visiting us from Dayton, Nevada

**International Director Jack Epperson & his wife
Lion Mary Epperson**

friday NIGHT

"HALLOWEEN
ON THE HILL"

COSTUMES
REQUIRED



A sumptuous **BUFFET** will be followed by special entertainment
HALLOWEEN GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP

saturDAY

FOLLOWING THE 44^N CABINET MEETING--- Relax in the courtyard, play in the golf tournament, or take a walk, or shop till you drop in the town square, hang out with the friends you haven't seen for awhile in the **HOSPITALITY ROOM** (courtesy of the Goffstown Lions)

saturday NIGHT

MEET YOUR FRIENDS, old and new at the **HAPPY HOUR** before the **BANQUET!**



44N Convention of 2016 May 13 -15 Registration Snowy Owl Resort, Waterville Valley, NH

Meal Choices for *Saturday Banquet:*
(Please Specify)

Baked Haddock
Stuffed Chicken
Roast Tenderloin

Meals Only: Friday Buffet & Entertainment:	\$30.00 per person
Saturday Breakfast only:	\$16.00 per person
Saturday Lunch only:	\$20.00 per person
Saturday Banquet including Hors d'Oeuvres	\$45.00 per person

Sorry! No deduction for a missed meal

PLEASE NOTE: A Sunday Breakfast Buffet is available and is payable directly to the Snowy Owl that day; it is not included in any of the packages listed.

Package (1)

Two Night -2 Person Package - Double - \$395.00 2 each FRI Dinner Buffet & Entertainment
SAT Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet Dinner

Package (2)

Two Night -1 Person package - Single - \$298.00 1 each FRI Dinner Buffet & Entertainment
SAT Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet Dinner

Package (3)

One Night -2 Person FRI Night package - \$210.00 2 each FRI Dinner Buffet & Entertainment
SAT Breakfast & Lunch

Package (4)

One Night -2 Person SAT Night package - \$220.00 2 each SAT Lunch & Banquet Dinner

Package (5)

One Night -1 Person FRI Night package - \$160.00 1 each FRI Dinner Buffet & Entertainment
SAT Breakfast & Lunch

Package (6)

One Night -1 Person SAT Night package - \$160.00 1 each SAT Lunch & Banquet Dinner

Package Rates Include - Tax & Gratuities

Special Requests to be considered - Diet, Handicap Accessibility, etc.

YES, I wish to be part of the action at the 44N Spring Convention. Please send your reservation in by April 21, 2016. You may pay Package in Full or make a deposit of \$100.00 with the Balance paid via credit card at time of check in.

Please Mail Full Payment or \$100 Deposit to: PCC Forrest Powers, Convention Chair
68 Jack Wells Road
Danbury, NH 03230



MCC TERRI MCGREW

"We must remember that one determined person can make a significant difference, and that a small group of determined people can change the course of history." ~ Sonia Johnson

I was looking through past newsletter articles for inspiration this month and found an article I wrote as District Governor in September 2007 and realized it's still very relevant.

Here's my 2016 wish list:

- ♣ **I WISH** we could all visit the Fidelco Guide Dog Open House, or become familiar with Guiding Eyes for the Blind and other Guide Dog programs to learn how significant a guide dog can be for people who are blind or have low vision. Let's always remember we are Knights of the Blind.
- ♣ **I WISH** every club schedules multiple Operation KidSight Screenings this year. We can make a difference in a child's life at each screening.
- ♣ **I WISH** every club completes a new service project this year. "We Serve" is our motto and trying new projects keeps us vibrant and can attract new members.
- ♣ **I WISH** every club sponsored an active Leos Club within their community. We need to mentor our next generation of volunteers.
- ♣ **I WISH** every club participated in the Peace Poster Contest at their local schools or with local youth organizations.
- ♣ **I WISH** every club went on Lions Club visitations to learn from each other, share best practices, and forge new friendships.
- ♣ **I WISH** we treat each other with kindness throughout the year; embrace each other's strengths, enhance each other's weaknesses, and work together to change the world.

I hope all my wishes come true. Yours in Service ~ MCC Terri McGrew



Fellow Lions:

Everyone seems to be commenting on how the Lionistic year is speeding to a close and urging us all to finish up with a bang. The year doesn't really end until June 30th and the conclusion of the International Convention but our District Clubs face a defacto year-end at Spring Convention. It is there we elect the next leadership team, say good-bye to our deceased Lions and announce club and individual awards and honors earned during this 2015-16 year. However, this year there is one other key action. LCI has announced significant changes to the Constitution and By-Laws we all live by. Approvals have been taking place for a year now and Multiple District 44 voted acceptance at Mid-Winter convention. A copy was transmitted to each club secretary (and KL where possible) by e-mail March 29 as required. Voting will be by club delegates as specified in the existing constitution which means each club will have one delegate for every 10 members or major fraction enrolled for a year and a day as of April 1, 2015. And of course, each club must be in good standing and dues paid prior to convention. You are strongly urged to review the revised constitution with club members and have your allocated number of delegates attend Convention. Second half District dues bills have been e-mailed to all clubs. Please attend to payment as soon as possible. Don't leave it hanging until year end. Lastly, time is closing in all to fulfill the requirements for "Club Excellence Award" and "100% Secretary's Award" as defined on page 112 and 113 of the Directory of Officers and Clubs. All clubs were issued 2 copies last summer and we have more available if you need one (\$5 per copy). In closing, hope all are having a great year and sprinting to a satisfying year-end.

~ Cabinet Secretary Paul. P54dalton@gmail.com, 603 667 0161





FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ~ CHRISTINE GREENWOOD

Spring is in the air, flowers have started blooming..... and where there is a need in your community, I am positive one of the District 44N Lions will be there !

One of the best ways to keep current and new members satisfied is to engage them in a service project !! April is Protect our Environment month, how about planning an environmental project for Earth Day on April 22, or plan a few projects throughout the month to help the environment in your community. Engage your newest members to initiate a service project such as organizing a road side cleanup, a community park clean up or plant some trees, shrubs or flowers to help beautify your community. Remember to involve your community, friends and family to serve with you. Make sure your club secretary adds the service project within your Centennial projects completed with LCI under Protecting your Environment.

It was great to see so many faces and some NEW faces at the March cabinet meeting - and I was honored to induct two new members into the Monadnock Lions Club. I look forward to seeing many faces at the Spring Convention this May 13 - 15 !! Keep scrolling within the Roar to find the sign-up sheet for the convention and all the fun activities !

SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ~ ERIC LINDBERG



Spring is here and I was going to write my article this month about all the upcoming events in our district. These include the Lions Twin State Soccer Banquet on April 3rd, Vision Weekend April 22-24th, Spring Convention May 13-15th but then I thought, "Everyone is already signed up and registered for all of this" so I decided not to mention them. So I thought I would write about a couple of other things instead.

First is the Centennial Service Challenge that all clubs should be working and reporting on to help celebrate Lion's 100 Years of Service and our goal to benefit 100 million people by December 2017! To do this, plan your projects around "Engaging Our Youth", "Sharing the Vision", "Relieving the Hunger" and "Protecting the Environment". You will also earn great banner patches for your club.

The second thing I wanted to mention this month is the dreaded 10 letter word: Membership! We all hear the numbers from LCI and our own district. In particular how our district is way down in membership and how we must increase these "numbers" to make our district stronger and LCI happier but the single best reason to increase membership lies within each of our clubs. Larger clubs tend to have fewer repeat officers, more successful projects, and stronger attendance at district functions. A new member not only brings in fresh ideas, but also 2 helping hands. So whether your club has eight members or eighty, we all should be looking for new Lions to spread the FUN!

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GLT LEADERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR

This month, I am excited to join others in reminding all Lions in 44 N of our upcoming April Training Forum. Come to Manchester Community College the morning of April 9, Saturday, for an enriching time learning new skills, and sharing in fun and camaraderie with Lions in your District. Some of the trainings offered are:

Officer: President, Secretary, Treasurer
Leadership: Blueprint for Stronger Clubs, and Your Club Your Way
GMT/GLT: Membership and Leadership
Fundraising: Tail Twisting:
Technology: Face Book, Twitter, Skype(& more)
Conflict Resolution: In a positive and constructive way
and ~~ MUCH ~~ MUCH more!

If you don't have a schedule, send me an email and I will send one to you. Just \$5 to Register. Use the Registration form found on Page 3 of this newsletter. In the meantime, if you need anything from me, please contact me at 424-8922 or axstewart@comcast.net

~ PDG GLT Sandra Hurd

LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING NEWS



Come one, come all to the [Lions Sight and Hearing Dinner in the Dark](#), to be held Sunday, June 5, 2016 at the White Birch Banquet Hall, 222 Central Street, Hudson NH. There will be a social hour at 4 PM, and dinner is served at 5 PM. The cost is \$30 per person, with a \$2 discount before April 30th, so get your reservations in. You will find the reservation form elsewhere in this newsletter. You will be blindfolded throughout the meal to get a sense of what it is like to be blind. You can be a place mat sponsor to support this endeavor as well. \$10 + will get you friend recognition, \$30 + bronze, \$50 + silver, \$100 + gold, and \$250 + platinum recognition. The sponsor form is also in the newsletter. All the monies raised by this event will be used to buy hearing aids and cataract surgeries for people not able to do so for themselves.

The LS&H Board this month authorized our Treasurer to draw an extra 1%, to make a full 5% draw, allowed by our By-Laws, from the endowment if needed. This would raise an additional \$7,800 roughly. As we wind down the year 2015-2016, we are in danger of running out of funds again, and may have to cut off applications in May or June. A successful Dinner in the Dark may forestall this, and may avoid having to take this 1% draw. We've been trying to limit the draw to 4%, especially in these rocky financial markets.

We appreciate the support to this worthwhile cause!

~ Fred Plett, LS&H President

WELCOME NEW LIONS! WELCOME NEW LIONS! WELCOME LIONS!

DISTRICT 44N MEMBERSHIP

CLUB	NAME/SPONSOR
Antrim/Bennington	Lynne Rosansky/Stephen Ullman
Amherst	Melvin R Flowers/Robert Gibson
Cohasse	Colleen M Page/Timothy Page
Goffstown	Bob McKenney/Gordon Barnard
Goffstown	Gary Perrin/Scott Gross
Hillsboro	Keith Audette/Meg Ager
Littleton	Shannon Poulton/Ruth Holmes
Manchester	Jocelyne Arsenault/Elspeth Cheung
Manchester	Kylie Pigeon/Elspeth Cheung
Westmoreland	Sarah Wills/John Wills
Goffstown	Lauren Gross/Scott Gross
Hopkinton	Alan Sorensen/Gary Gross
Milford	Trent Blalock/Don Jalbert
Orford	Patty Beaupre/Pauline Gray
Orford	Peter Beaupre/Pauline Gray

Club	As of July 1	As of March 19	Change
<u>Total 44N</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>1,167</u>	<u>-54</u>
Amherst	53	54	+01
Andover	20	20	0
Antrim-Bennington	33	27	-06
Bedford	21	19	-02
Bristol	19	18	-01
Brookline	31	28	-03
Canaan	47	44	-03
Chesterfield	39	35	-04
Claremont	6	7	+01
Cohasse	48	39	-09
Concord	28	27	-01
Enfield-Mascoma	44	46	+02
Fall Mountain	8	0	-08
Franklin Area	27	24	-03
Gap Mountain	12	12	0
Goffstown	63	67	+04
Hanover	37	37	0
Henniker	18	18	0
Hillsboro	30	31	+01
Hinsdale	27	25	-02
Hooksett	27	24	-03
Hopkinton	26	27	+01
Jaffrey-Rindge	<i>incl Souhegan</i>	<i>incl Souhegan</i>	
Keene	80	85	+05
Lafayette	16	14	-02
Lancaster	25	19	-06
Lisbon	34	30	-04
Littleton	17	18	+01
Manchester	19	23	+04
Merrimack	26	27	+01
Milford	32	31	-01
Monadnock	28	28	0
New Boston	<i>incl Goffstown</i>	<i>incl Goffstown</i>	
New London	15	15	0
Newport	14	15	+01
Orford	34	36	+02
Peterborough	37	37	0
Pinardville	22	21	-01
Plymouth	10	0	-10
Souhegan	42	45	+03
Sunapee	26	23	-03
Swanzey	9	0	-09
Weare	10	10	0
Westmoreland	10	12	+02
Whitefield	20	22	+02
Wilton	31	27	-04



Manchester Lions:
left to right,
CST PDG Alan Ricard,
New member Kylie Pigeon,
President Elspeth Cheung,
New Member Jocelyne
Arsenault, and
DG Henry McKee



Monadnock Lions:
left to right,
Sponsor VP Kate Fuller,
New member Lion Julia
Proctor, FVDG
Christine Greenwood,
New member Lion Earle
Safford and sponsor,
Lion John Fletcher



TOTAL NEW MEMBERS

... 15



**SPOT VISION SCREENER
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Eyeglass Collections

ALERT to all clubs for Eyeglass Collections—We are up to 11,000. Please bring all boxes marked with club name and # of glasses and hearing aids (on top in separate container) to Spring Convention.

We are nearing over 90 pounds of can tabs for Shriner's transportation for burn patients. Paper goods for David's House reminder too.

Many thanks,
~ Jill Healey



Operation Kid Sight

Thank you to all the clubs and members for their eye screening efforts. If you have not submitted your reports, please do so electronically so that we can report accurately to LCI.

If you are not familiar with the reporting requirements, on the NH Lions website (www.nhlions.org), upper left hand corner in the Operation Kid Sight file, you will find the related materials and forms. Please forward to me (email: bjgstjean@hotmail.com) your Screening Event Summary as well as the Sport Results Summary. (If you need help, I'm sure your OKS Zone Coordinator is willing to help or let me know).

Many thanks for all your efforts.
Bonnie St. Jean, 44N OKS Administrator

**MD44 MAICO
PILOT AUDIOMETER
COORDINATORS**



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The DogSight Project

A Program of the New Hampshire Lions
Multiple District 44 - Health Services Board



Just In Time

You've still got time to get your donation to the DogSight Project included in our yearly check presented to the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation at their Annual Lions Appreciation Day and Open House on May 14th. Fidelco sets aside a special time and place at noon for the Lions Parade of Checks. The Lions of New Hampshire are among the proudest donors. Please send your check to the address below before the end of April so it can be included!!

As always, thank you New Hampshire Lions for your support of all guide dogs, and in particular for your support of the DogSight Project!!

Donations to the DogSight Project may be sent to **DSP Chair Linda Piekarski, 15 Edgewood Ave, Keene, NH 03431**. Please make checks payable to **LSHF** with **DSP** on the memo line. The independence a guide dog brings to a blind person is priceless. Your contribution gives that gift many times over. Thank you!

Linda Piekarski
Chair, the DogSight Project
lpiekarski@ne.rr.com

GO GREEN

So far 16 clubs have submitted projects for Protecting our Environment Centennial Project. It is now April and this is the month every club should do something for our environment. It is also the month that President Yamada has designated for the environment. Some clubs have already recycled shoes and electronics or have a school recycling program going. Other clubs have cleaned up parks and school signs. And many clubs have cleaned up along roads. Remember to take pictures and submit them to the Roar.

When you are doing a visible project, like picking up trash or recycling or planting trees or flowers, make sure you have Lions gear on and invite non-Lions to help. This lets everyone know that the Lions are busy in your community. Who knows, you may inspire someone to join the fun!

Sue Lindberg,
Environmental Chair





"A CELEBRATION OF PEACE"...is this year's 2016-2017 theme for the Peace Poster Contest. We are already in the process of getting the next contest underway.

The Peace Poster Contest was created in 1986 by Lions International to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. This contest is open to children ages 11-13, in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups, such as Scouts and Boys & Girls clubs.

In past newsletters, it was mentioned that Lions Youth Services will once again have ready poster kits for the clubs to purchase for \$12.00 each, saving you the time, postage and shipping charges. It was also mentioned that we are trying to survey those clubs who wish to participate in the contest so that we may have ample supplies.

So far, the following clubs Amherst, Canaan, Concord, Conway, Epsom-Chichester, Littleton, Milford and Seabrook have spoken. Do I hear anyone else?

Now is the time to plan and put this contest in your club's budget. The earlier you sign on the earlier it can be presented to your schools, library and community so that they can, too, get it into their curriculums and schedules. Don't wait until you have new officers in your club, you can do it now! The sooner, the better!

In the upcoming month, we will be communicating with all of you, along with your District Governors and your Zone Chairs to present you with all the information relating to the contest and how it gives a chance for all Lions to interact with the youth in your community.

Many of your clubs have participated in past years but its time that we rally all clubs to get involved with sponsoring a contest or two. Keep an eye out on how we can better promote this contest and more information to all the rules and guidelines.

But first and foremost, let me know your club is interested in participating and sponsoring the young artists of your community.

Next year all Lions will be celebrating the centennial, wouldn't it be great if we could get 100 plus Peace Posters to display and CELEBRATE our young artists of NH!

Rhonda Wynne, LYS Director
rwynnemilford@comcast.net



2015-2016 Grand Prize Winner
YuMo Zhu, 12 years old
China

NH LIONS 2016 RECREATIONAL WEEKEND
FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Greetings fellow Knights of the Blind:

The NH Lions annual recreational and social weekend for the blind and visually impaired will be held Friday April 22nd through Sunday April 24th at the Courtyard by Marriott in Nashua and we hope you will be able to volunteer during the weekend. We have a fun weekend planned and we know you will enjoy it. Perhaps you can volunteer for a few hours during the weekend or consider staying the entire weekend at the hotel with us.

The NH Lions cover the weekend expenses for the blind and visually impaired participants with donations received from Lions Clubs throughout NH. The family members and the Lion volunteers cover their own expenses for meals and hotel during the weekend event. 100% of club donations go towards the blind and visually impaired participant expenses. The registration form explains the schedule and the meal costs where applicable. Please note the meal prices have increased for the first time in 8 years and the prices include the NH food tax and the gratuity.

- One of our greatest needs for volunteers is greeting the guests at the hotel ~ we need 25 volunteers; so if you are available on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm please sign up to help us.
- We were short volunteer cribbage players last year so please consider helping if you are an experienced cribbage player and available Friday evening at 7:30 pm.
- We need approximately 24 volunteers to assist with bowling at Leda Lanes in Nashua on Saturday morning at 8:30 am. This is the most popular volunteer request, so please register early if you want to be a volunteer at the bowling alley.

We need approximately 14 volunteers on Saturday at 9:00 am to be personal shoppers and drive participants to local stores such as: Merrimack Outlets, Christmas Tree Shop, Kohl's, Target, TJ Max, and Wal-Mart. You can pair up with another Lion volunteer or friend if you would like. This is a very popular choice for our participants and we are always short personal shopper volunteers. Please consider this volunteer opportunity.

If you would like to receive a volunteer registration form or more information, please email Terri McGrew at: terrimcgrew@charter.net or call Terri at 673-2322.

Sincerely,
MCC Terri McGrew



Time to join the Centennial Celebration!!

The Centennial Celebration brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service. Starting with the kickoff in July 2014 and ending in June 2018, Lions around the world are joining in the celebration by expanding our community impact through service projects and inspiring others to join in that service. Individual clubs will play a critical role in the success of the Centennial.

Timeline: To connect with each theme, Lions are encouraged to participate in various activities, highlighted in the timeline below, throughout the Centennial.

INVITATION 2015-16	CELEBRATION 2016-17	DEDICATION 2017-18
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create your club's Centennial plan• Induct at least 3 new members• Complete 4 service activities, one in each focus area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete a Community Legacy Project• Celebrate with your club!• Induct at least 3 new members• Complete 4 service activities, one in each focus area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Align your club with the future direction of the Association unveiled at the Chicago Convention• Induct at least 3 new members• Complete 4 service activities, one in each focus area

Five Steps to Club Success: Follow the five steps to develop your club's Centennial plan.

1. Identify club Centennial leaders to serve as the club coordinator.
2. Engage you club members about Centennial related projects.
3. Create a plan to ensure a successful club celebration.
4. Take action to ensure that your Centennial celebration is a success.
5. Share you success and your Centennial plan with your Centennial District Coordinator.

Need help developing a plan? Want a Centennial speaker to come to your club?

Contact: Phil Przybyszewski, 44N Centennial District Coordinator at philpreski@gmail.com or 603-424-3311

More information to come in next month's ROAR!!!!



Centennial Community Legacy Project – Create your club's legacy !

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. Your Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how important your club is to the community during the Centennial and beyond. All Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by **June 30, 2018 !**

In support of the Legacy Projects program, Centennial highway signs, decals and bronze plaques will be available from LCI at a significant discount.

Promote Your Legacy Project

Your Legacy Project is an opportunity to showcase your project, your service and your club to the community. Here are some tips that can help you maximize this great public relations opportunity:

Dedication Ceremony – Host a dedication or ribbon-cutting ceremony and invite your community and local media to attend.

Social Media – Share project photos on social media or ask your community to share photos at the site of your Legacy Project. Use the hashtag **#Lions100** so we can share your project on the LCI Facebook page.

Local Media – Send out a press release or ask a local reporter to help tell your story



Plan Your Legacy Project

With three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved. Choose a project from the list below or develop your own to address specific needs in your community.

Report Your Legacy Project

Be sure to report your Legacy Project using the [MyLCI Service Activity Report](#), under the Community and Culture activity type. Clubs can earn a special banner patch, and select projects will be featured on the LCI website, social media and LION Magazine.

1 level

Raise Your Community Visibility

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park



2 level

Provide a Community Gift

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization



3 level

Make a Community Impact

- Build a clinic
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training center
- Equip an area hospital



All Legacy Projects should be identified with a sign or plaque indicating the project was donated by your Lions club.

ACTIVITIES and HIGHLIGHTS !

AMHERST - with the proceeds from a very successful first "Fire and Ice" Chili Cook-off/Ice Cream Social, a donation of \$2000 to the new Amherst playground/community garden project "Joshua's Park" was made. Made its monthly \$100 donation to the SHARE food pantry and also collected packaged food products at the March membership meeting. Box Tops for Education are also being collected at monthly membership meetings and being given to the Amherst schools. The Club's 44th Annual Pancake Breakfast in March proved to be a big hit, over 300 people were served, and the event raised approximately \$2500 for the club. Made a \$1000 donation to Camp Allen at its March meeting. SVDG Eric Lindberg installed 3 new club members in March.



Amherst Lions Club President Joan Ferguson (right) and Lions Past District Governor Charlie Vars recently presented Amherst Land Trust Director Sally Wilkins with a check for \$2,000 towards the building of Joshua's Park. The funds are proceeds from the Lions' first " Fire & Ice" Chili Cook-off/ Ice Cream Social, a collaborative event with the Amherst Junior Women's Club and Parent Teacher Association. Joshua's Park is scheduled for a ribbon cutting in April.

(Photo by Carol Hering-Baechle)

BEDFORD - 160 eyeglasses, 40 sunglasses and 60 cases collected and delivered to Lens Crafters. Donated 12 boxes of pancake mix and 8 gallons of OJ and 20 pounds of sausages and 12 bottles of syrup to the Bedford community food pantry and the Horizon food pantry. Held 38th annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast attended by family and friends on Palm Sunday. Members assisted with serving over 150 hungry attendees. Netted over \$1149 with 89 hours of service, this included funds raised from the Easter basket, blanket raffles and bake sale. One hearing aid collected and delivered for refurbishing. Hearing Aid approved by the S&HF of NH for 80 plus year old client. Donated \$500 to the S&HF for one hearing aide earmarked for this aid.

BRISTOL - will be hosting a rabies clinic on Saturday, April 23.

CANAAN - handled 59 units of medical equipment and drove 610 miles; four Lions worked a total of 46 hours. Provided two eye exams and purchased two wheelchair batteries for local residents. Four Lions cooked and served 34 meals at the monthly community dinner, giving seven hours of service time. Six Lions sold and delivered 78 dozen roses. One Lion attended a Twin State Soccer meeting in Lebanon, one Lion attended a Youth Services meeting in Manchester, four Lions attended a Cabinet meeting in Lebanon, and one Lion attended a Past and Present District Governors meeting in Manchester. Will be inducting a new member this month.

ACTIVITIES and HIGHLIGHTS !

CHESTERFIELD - keeping busy planning for upcoming Golf Tournament on July 12th. Well underway with gathering sponsors and getting many of the preparations ready. Had several guests at our meetings this month. Enjoyed a very informative talk from Kim Fine from the Kurn Hatten Homes for Children. Had two of our local law enforcement officers speak at the first meeting of the month one of the Town Police officers and a local State Trooper, spoke about the current Heroin problem in our state and how it is affecting our local area. Heard about the DARE program that is being taught by the local Police to our 6th graders at our school. On a sadder note, we lost one of our Charter Members, Paul Hubner, and several of the members of the club helped the family by setting up and serving lunch during a memorial service held for Paul. He will be missed! Several members attending the 44N Cabinet Meeting and we are planning on attending the Lions Forum in April. We are also getting ready for our Spring Clean Up which will occur the second weekend in April.

ENFIELD MASCOMA LIONESS – served over 270 people at the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Hosting a public presentation on April 21 with local police departments on the topic of scams. Will resume Adopt-A-Highway cleanup in April.

GAP MTN - six of our members did an eye screening at the Fitzwilliam Elementary School. Forty-one students were tested with one referral. Four members attended the District 44N Cabinet meeting in Lebanon. Will be sponsoring a Cal Ripkin Little League team with Lions shirts and hats. Two Gap Mtn. Lions banners will be displayed on two different fields. Made a donation in support of the Meals on Wheels Program. Club information will be shown on their dinner placemats.



HENNIKER - donated \$100 to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program. King Lion assisted another club in SPOT Vision Screening leading to one youth being referred for follow up. Two new members welcomed to the club. Planning for April Kite Day, May Cleanup, and June Fun Run for Sight.

LANCASTER - a donation was made to Habitat for Humanity and our members are looking forward in helping build their next home in the North Country. We are a proud sponsor of The North Woods Home Health and Hospice fundraiser and comedy night being held on April 9th. A donation was made to The Phillips Family Scholarship Fund c/o The Lancaster Historical Society. 165 pair of eyeglasses were collected and brought to the recent Cabinet Meeting.

ACTIVITIES and HIGHLIGHTS !

MERRIMACK- still delivering groceries, had two regular meetings with 14 and 16 respectfully attending. Had two interesting speakers, Charlie Vars speaking on the handicapped signs and our town development, Tim Thompson spoke. The winter town carnival was cancelled due to lack of snow and that affected our event as well. Two members from our club attended the recent zone meeting. Have had two meetings with 13 attending each, had a speaker, Mike Morin of WZID radio. Had our board meeting and starting the planning for annual golf tournament and starting the process making our scarecrows for diabetes.

MILFORD - held our 2nd annual Scrambler Scrabble tournament on March 20, 2016 wherein twelve teams of four players each played four games in a round robin format. Prizes were given for highest total score, highest individual game score, and highest individual word. Event was a fundraiser for the Reading Action Program activities co-sponsored by Wadleigh Memorial Library and the Milford High School library. Held monthly free spaghetti supper for 85 people who are mostly low-income seniors. Collected and processed 1,115 pairs of glasses since July. Photo on left depicts the winning team who were very good scrabble players and they also raised \$500 for the event. The photo on the right shows some entrants representing the elementary schools.



2nd Annual
2016
Scrambler
Scrabble
Tournament



MONADNOCK - vision screening is easy and fun for the children. Monadnock Lions have screened over 200 children in Dublin, Harrisville and Marlborough. Great effort on the Roast Beef Dinner and shout out with thanks to Lions - Sue Bemis, Norm Bemis, David Fairfield, Linda Piekarski, Dominick Tralli, Rhonda Tralli, Kate Fuller, Julia Proctor, Joe Puleo, John Target, David Redfield, Tania Miller John Fletcher, and Larry Robinson. The biggest Thanks goes to Lion David Fairfield for cooking the meal.



NEWPORT-sponsored a Red Cross blood drive, supplied the volunteers from the club, collected 40 pints.

ORFORD - completed our most successful Ice Fishing Derby to date over the weekend of Feb. 27-28. Just under 200 participants and net proceeds of \$3722. Congratulations to KL Dick. Rose Sale delivery completed March 18. No profit numbers available but it looks good. Held a Senior Dinner, roast beef and all the usual, for over 45 attendees March 19. Next up we will be hosting a Zone 7 meeting April 11 and our annual Golf Tournament May 1. Scholarship committee activated with applications due May 1. Will start Adopt-A-Highway clean-up in April, depending on the weather. Approved the purchase of an additional 10 LTSSA tickets for \$50.

ORFORD Ice Fishing Derby

KL Dick at the Ice Fishing Derby



Young Ice Fishers at the trophy table



Setting up for the Senior Dinner



Senior Dinner kitchen crew



PETERBOROUGH - made a donation to the River Center to support their Spelling Bee. The River Center offers resources to strengthen individuals and families through parenting support, economic opportunity programs, and community connections throughout the towns of the Eastern Monadnock Region. Donations were made to support Camp Allen and the NH Walk for Sight annual walk. At our recent dinner meeting, Lion Patty Echavarria presented speakers Barry Echavarria and Linda Scerbinski, cofounders of the Monadnock Chapter of Compassionate Friends. This is a support group for parents, grandparents, adult siblings, and others affected by the death of a child of any age for any reason, made a donation to support this program. We also contributed to a fund to support Tom and Annette Gallagher after they lost their home to fire. The date for our annual Duck Race, our major fundraiser, has been set for June 25, 2016. Plans are underway. We have received applications for two new members.

WESTMORELAND - set up tables and chairs as well as assembling and delivering a food basket door prize for the March 15th "Friendly Meals" dinner at the Westmoreland Town Hall. One Lion, 2 hours, \$25 cost. We provided Lions Luncheons for nine Westmoreland School students at the March 4th gathering for students performing an outstanding act of courtesy, kindness, citizenship, or scholastic improvement. One Lion-hour, \$56 cost Donated \$100 to David's House. Donated \$225 to the Jeffrey P. Smith Farm scholarship Program for a local student to attend a one week day camp. Donated \$100 to LTSSA for a player's half sponsorship.



Manchester Lions Club



Presents

Music Event for All Ages

When: May 1, 2016

Where: Camp Allen

56 Camp Allen Rd. Bedford, NH

Time: 1PM to 4PM



Featuring:

Amber Rose Marie Couture

Local Up & Coming, Award Winning Singer

with

Newcomer Singer/Songwriter

Miranda Higgins

and



Multi Award Winning Singer/Songwriter/Guitarist

Jim Auerbach



Admission is \$10 at the door

Kids 6 and under: FREE

There will be vendors including: MaryKay, Thirty-One, jewelry, wooden crafts and baked goods

Join us at Margaritas Mexican Restaurant, 1037 Elm Street, Manchester, NH all day on Saturday, April 9. Margaritas will host a Noche Mexicana Fundraiser and donate 20% of pre-taxed food and beverage sales from participating families, friends and supporters to the Manchester Lions Club. Guests can choose items from any of their menus, takeout orders included.

Call Ahead Seating (603) 647-7717

We encourage students, parents and community members to join us as we raise funds to support the Manchester Lions Club. Please share this invitation with friends, family and community members.

If you have questions about this event, please contact the Manchester Lions Club President Elspeth at elspethcheung@outlook.com

Please make sure to let the host or server know that you are there to support the fundraiser, so 20% of your pre-tax food and beverage purchases will be donated to the Manchester Lions Club.

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE TOGETHER FOR A GREAT CAUSE!



NOCHE MEXICANA

Fundraiser

PARTNERSHIPS WITH A PURPOSE

Saturday, April 9 • All Day

**Present this to your server to have
20% of your dinner bill donated to**



Manchester Lions Club



MARGARITAS
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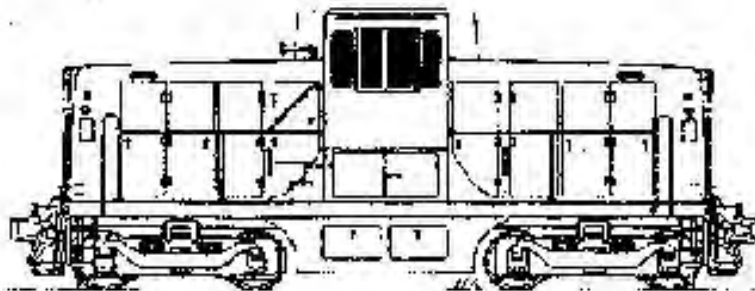
The Hooksett, NH
Lions Club
21st Annual



Model Railroad Show

Sunday, April 24, 2016, 10am-3pm

Hooksett Cawley Middle School
Route 27, (89 Whitehall Rd), 1 mile off Rte 3
Approx. 3 mi N off I -93 Exit 9N



The Suncook Valley Railroad "Blueberry Express"

VENDORS!
OPERATING LAYOUTS!
RAFFLES!
WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE!
FOOD!
CLINICS!

Admission: Adults-\$4.00 Children 6-12-\$1.00, Children 5 & under FREE
Maximum family rate \$10.

For information call (603) 485-3881 or (603) 627-4662 or E-mail hooksettlionsclub@yahoo.com

Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Presents



DINNER IN THE DARK

A dining experience like you've never seen before!

Sunday, June 5, 2016

White Birch Banquet Hall
222 Central Street, Hudson NH

Guests wear blindfolds during the dinner. The meal is served with a powerful message, raising awareness of the experience of living with some form of blindness. For many, this will be an opportunity to experience just one aspect of day-to-day life for someone who is visually impaired.

4PM SOCIAL HOUR • 5PM DINNER IS SERVED
Entertainment immediately following by The Music Makers

MENU:

- Salad
- Boneless Breast Stuffed Chicken
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Dessert
- Coffee and Tea

\$30 PER PERSON

• SEATING LIMITED TO 120 GUESTS •
RESERVE BY APRIL 30, 2016 AND SAVE \$2 PER PERSON!

Make checks payable to LSHF and mail to:
PCC Deedee LaTulippe, 136 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH 03051

Questions? liondeedee@comcast.net or call 603-566-0691

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING FOUNDATION

I want the early bird at \$28 pp because space is limited & I don't want to miss the fun

May 1 and there after \$30 pp

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

TOTAL # OF TICKETS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Sunday June 5, 2016
"Dinner in the Dark"
White Birch Banquet Hall
222 Central St. Hudson, NH
4:00pm to 7:00pm



The Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH, INC

A 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization

"Dinner in the Dark" is a dining experience like you've never seen before!

Guests wear blindfolds during the dinner.

The meal is served with a powerful message raising awareness of the experience of living with some form of blindness.

Sponsorship opportunities for you and other local businesses.

Names will appear on the placemats to be used for the dinner.

Your donations will be used to provide hearing aids and cataract surgeries to NH residents who have no other means of purchasing these services.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LSHF. MAIL ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

Deedee LaTulippe 136 Lowell Rd Hudson, NH 03051

Email: liondeedee@comcast.net

Name as it will appear on place mat: _____

Name/title/Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

CIRCLE YOUR DONATION

PLATINUM \$250 + GOLD \$100.00 + SILVER \$50.00 + BRONZE \$30.00 +

A FRIEND \$10.00 +



Merrimack Lions Club

is proud to announce the

14th Annual Lions Charity Golf Tournament

“Swinging for Charity”

Monday, August 1, 2016

Amherst Country Club

Amherst, NH

\$125 Donation includes: Green Fees, Cart, Gift Bag, Several Contests, Prizes, Snacks & Banquet BBQ .

**NEW SCORING FORMAT: Every team has a chance to win!
Score high – score low, every team can win some dough!!!**

Pre-registration is required by July 18th.

Proceeds to benefit youth programs and other local charities.

Sponsorships Available, Donations Welcome!

For more information contact:

Alan Hoyer, 424-7897

or alanh@cecent.com

or

Phil Przybyszewski, 424-3311

or philpreski@gmail.com





2016



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 15-17, 2016

Omaha, Nebraska

email: registrar@lionsforum.org Phone: (605) 723-4007

The 40th USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Service.....Leadership.....It's What Lions Do

Opening night on Thursday, September 15, Billy Riggs will bring his master illusionist and motivational entertainment. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow the Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his dream.

Saturday, we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish Saturday evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

On Saturday afternoon, following the Centennial theme of "Where's there a need, there is a LION", there will be three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Register now via the website

www.lionsforum.org

If you would like more information, contact

FVDG Christine Greenwood

cgreenwood@walpolebank.com

603-762-4124



Some of the more paranoid (or more gullible) among us might be wondering why we celebrate April Fools' Day in the first place. There is no better way to kick off the spring season than pulling pranks on the people you love most, right? April Fools' Day has a rich history of silly shenanigans that we should all know more about.

It's a holiday (not really a holiday) that has been around for centuries, with mysterious origins, and has morphed into a day of pure silliness. Probably the most amazing thing about April Fools' Day (aka All Fools' Day) though, is how it has remained a day of fun, without turning into a day of consumerism. Sure, major brands have been known to partake, which ultimately gets them media coverage from potential customers, but there's no "must-have" ways to spend money on April 1. And let's hope it stays that way forever.

Historians think that April Fools' Day was created due to a calendar error made by France, when in 1582, the country switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. This caused the celebration of New Year's Day to move from April 1 back to Jan. 1. And anyone who continued to celebrate the arrival of the new year at the beginning of April was labeled a fool.

While the origins of the holiday are still somewhat unknown, it IS known that England made April Fools' Day happen in 1700, as a day for people to play pranks on each other. The tradition quickly gained popularity throughout the UK during the 18th century. Hey, people love to get their kicks!

In 1957, BBC ran a story that farmers in Switzerland were having a record year with their spaghetti crops, and that noodles were growing on trees.

In 1996, Taco Bell released a full-page ad in several newspapers stating that it had purchased the Liberty Bell in Philly and was renaming it "The Taco Liberty Bell."

And in 1998, Burger King announced that it would be releasing a new burger called the "Left-Handed Whopper" specifically designed for all those poor lefties who had previously been unable to fully enjoy the classic Whopper.

One classic prank has turned into a beloved tradition. Since 1986, a press release is created each year to promote the annual New York City April Fools' Day parade. There is no parade, but we're going on the 31st year of this nonexistent event.

Every year, the pranks get more and more creative, leaving the population in a paranoid state at the start of April. So beware of announcements on social media. Be wary of seemingly outlandish breaking news stories.

You really can't trust anything on April 1st; so be warned, I wouldn't be fooling you!