

the LION'S ROAR....

your **DISTRICT 44N** Monthly NEWS!

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~SEASONINGS~

It may sound strange, instead of season greetings but I think it is more accurate. Seasonings add spice and flavor to meals and beverages, so do the holidays, though everyone seems to be rushed and there is never enough time to enjoy, the best always shows though. We take a moment to reflect, remember, and celebrate with those nearest and dearest to us.

Our fellow Lions are out in their communities selling trees and wreaths, gift wrapping, ringing bells, breakfast with Santa, visiting seniors, serving holiday meals, delivering food baskets along with the usual activities that they do in their communities. Once again affirming our centennial motto "where there's a need there's a Lion".

I have just completed my 31st visitation and each one has been my own little Christmas celebration. For all the gifts of information and enthusiasm that I can offer, I receive the gift of knowing each Lion out there is giving of their time and energy to make their community and world a better place through their service. I am proud to serve as your District Governor.

As we near the halfway point of this Lionistic year we are making progress in getting more people to join us and help make a difference. We continue to work on new clubs in Lincoln, New Boston and Jaffrey. The SPOT vision screener is out there making a difference (we have surpassed last year's total screenings in five months).

We all have friends and family who are hard to buy for; as they seem to have everything. Why not make a donation to NH Sight and Hearing or LCIF in their name? With this they may just have the best of everything, a difference in the world with their name on it. Thank You for all you do, your time and efforts are not unnoticed just sometimes not given the proper thanks.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS,
MAY THE SEASON BRING GREAT THINGS!**

Tight Lines ~ DG Henry

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

Deadline for submitting articles to be published for **January 2016**, each and every submission, should reach me by no later **than 12:00 pm noon time on Saturday, December 26.**

Please keep in mind that if your submission is not reached by this deadline, **it will not be published.**

Since this is a holiday weekend, the time frame will be limited. If you have your submission EARLIER than this deadline, then please by all means send it to me. Many thanks for your consideration and THANK YOU for all that you do!

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Visit NH LionsDistrict 44N on Facebook Clubs may submit upcoming events and/or photos for past events on the district Facebook page. All submissions must be compliant with Lions Code of Ethics and should be sent to Lion Tom Reynolds:

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TAILTWISTER NOTES

Just a quick reminder: please make your reservations for the Mid-Winter Convention. We will be having some Tail Twister fun during the weekend along with all other types of fun and awards. Have you nominated your picks for Super Lion, Lifeboat Lion, and Best Supporting Lion? Who will win??? We will also have a Lion Hunt. I am working on it already. It will be tough, so be prepared. So come, see all your Lion friends, have some laughs, hear the international speakers that are coming, and get inspired. See you all there.



EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 29 - 31, 2016



NH LIONS MD44 MID-WINTER CONVENTION

Our Guests

International Director
Linda Tincher & Lion Vern Tincher

Fantastic Friday Night Entertainment

with

DJ Dave Martinez

~ Music ~ Name That Tune
~ Karaoke ~ Dancing
Scavenger Hunt

Visit with Long-Term Lion Friends & Meet New Lions

Shirts Happen will have Lions Apparel Samples on display all morning Saturday January 30

New Multiple District Meeting Format Saturday Morning

Saturday Night



"Academy Awards of Recognition" to honor individual Lions

Have fun and be inspired by your fellow NH Lions

Nearby Afternoon Activities:

Merrimack Premium Outlets
Budweiser Brewery Tours & the famous Clydesdale Horses



MANCHESTER LIONS CLUB

presents their

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



There is a small fee for pictures with Santa

Sunday, December 6, 2015

8 am to 11 am - William H. Jutras Post #43
53 Boutwell Street Manchester

\$5 Person/\$20 per family

Pancakes and Sausage

Raffles

Free Eye Screening (with guardian permission)

All proceeds to benefit the Manchester Lions Charitable Projects

MILFORD LIONS

welcomes SANTA'S ANNUAL VISIT TO THE OVAL

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Noon to 2 PM

Cider and Cookies



BEDFORD LIONS CLUB CELEBRATE 50 YEARS !



President Jeanne Bellemore



Lion Elda Cordero Goodman (center) presenting 49 Year Member Award to Lions Walt Witzel (pictured on left and Bob Cote (right) during Bedford's 50th Anniversary at the Derryfield Country Club on November 7, 2015



Pictured from left to right; Bedford Lions President Jeanne Bellemore, Michael Constance, Director of Camp Allen, charter member Dick Como, project chairman Dave Lent and charter member Tony Juliano



DG Henry McKee

DISTRICT 44N CABINET MEETING, PURITAN, MANCHESTER NH—NOVEMBER 8, 2015



MCC Terri McGrew officially installing Eric Lindberg as 2nd VDG



MCC Terri McGrew officially installing PDG Alan Ricard as Cabinet Secretary Treasurer for DG Henry's cabinet.



Zone Chairs, l to r; Ann Bailey, Cheryl Powers and Jill Healey officially being installed by MCC Terri McGrew with DG Henry standing on the left looking on



Group photo of some of the attending members from 44N

(photos courtesy of Dick StJean)



PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2015 "SHARE PEACE"

(15 November 2015) - We have received six entries from each district (12 total) with five clubs, from each district (10 total) participating in this year's Peace Poster contest.

Each District Governor will have selected a winning poster from their district. The two winning posters will then be turned over to MCC Terri McGrew to choose one from these selections. The winning poster will be sent into Lions International for further judging and we will be cheering as the poster advances to this level. (One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected).

The district winning poster will be announced and on display at the MD 44 Mid-Winter convention in January 2016 where the student and family will be honored and awarded during a presentation by International Director Linda Tincher and Lions Youth Services President, Marie Hall. We look forward to mid-winter and hope to see you all in January!

Much appreciation and thanks to all the clubs, committee chairs, art teachers, schools and of course to all the students who had the opportunity to participate and enter their creative artwork into this contest. Here are the entries of those participating club's first place winners !



Emmett Shea, Concord



Phineus Slayton, Concord



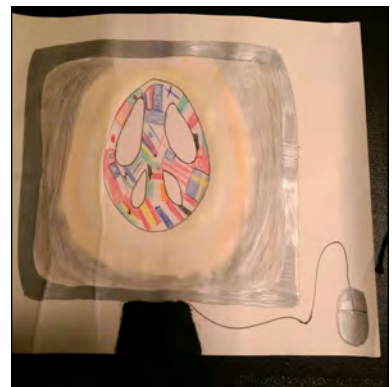
Marissa Spirito, Milford



Brittney Whitcomb, Orford



Ezra Avery, Orford



Gracie Pierce, Pinardville



Comments from CST Paul Dalton

One of the privileges of an old dog - and believe me I qualify - is to sit on the porch and bark; thus this month's CST column.

Lesson learned from the November 8 Cabinet Meeting - with less than one week before the meeting, we had 57 confirmed reservations. By the day of the meeting, there were 82 attendees, an increase of 25 or 44%! The restaurant was most gracious in making last minute adjustments in food quantities, tables, chairs and service, all within a room with a listed capacity of 75.

With Mid-Winter Convention on the horizon, could we all, as leadership Lions in our own clubs and district management, be a little more timely? Many have last minute challenges and emergencies but when it gets to be over four in ten, that suggests more lethargy than uncertainty. Please get your reservations for Mid-Winter in on time before we have to invoke the spirit of PCC Peter DeMoya's peanut butter sandwich threat. If you don't recognize this, just ask another old dog!

'One day an old German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a mountain lion heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the mountain lion is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious mountain lion! I wonder, if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young mountain lion halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!" says the lion, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the mountain lion. So, off he goes. "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old German Shepherd sees the mountain lion coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the old dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says...

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another mountain lion!"

Moral of this story...

Don't mess with an old dog... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery!

BS and brilliance only come with age and experience.

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the CITIZENSHIP & PATRIOTISM CONTEST ...

DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED AGAIN...



The deadline for the "American Flag" essay for NH Middle School students Grades 5 through 8 has been extended to December 20, 2015 by Lions Youth Services.

This year LYS was looking to coordinate the essay contest with the Peace Poster contest but decided since this was not communicated earlier enough to the clubs, the essay contest deadline was extended AGAIN! We are looking for your help in getting this contest out to your local schools and libraries. Perhaps a notice could be placed on your club's facebook page or in a local newspaper.

Here are the contest details: the Essay should be 300 words or less (minimum of 100 words). The essay may be typed or hand written (if hand written the essay must be legible and written in ink). Sources and references should be listed in the essay. The criteria of the essays will be judged on originality, creativity, and facts.

Questions and/or completed essays may be directed to one of the LYS members listed below:

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Marie Hall 44H, email: mariehall326@gmail.com

Awards as follows: First place in each grade level (5th through 8th grade) within each Lions district will receive a certificate and medal and also qualify for the Multiple District contest and the following awards:

NH Lions Multiple District 44:

1st Place 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade, each will receive \$100.00

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First Vice District Governor Christine

Hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I was blessed to enjoy my family & friends during this Thanksgiving holiday. I feel so honored and blessed to be a member of OUR Lion family. During this holiday season, and all throughout the year, children and adults need our services more than ever. Millions of children suffer from poverty, homelessness, hunger, abuse, disease and disabilities. Lions are here to serve and give hope for the future ! That is why the Lions Services for Children Program is in place and continues to deliver the long tradition of helping the world's future generation. While each country face different needs - our very own District 44 faces many challenges. One challenge that FVDG Al Goldstein and myself would like to challenge **EACH** club ion addressing the need for **WARMTH**. There is still a **HUGE** need to keep our children warm - in the years past, we all collaborated with each other for the Warmth for the Millyard program. **LET'S CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER !** We are challenging each club to begin a clothing drive - collecting coats, hats, mittens, snow suits, socks boots, scarves, and such for children **AND** if your club has the ability, let's help with adult clothes. I know some clubs are collecting warm clothing to be donated. However if your club has not started this service project, please consider this challenge. Please let me know if your club has already started the collection or will begin a warm clothing drive - I will be monitoring this for the District. My email is cgreenwood@walpolebank.com

From my family to your family, wishing every Lion & family a very Happy Holiday !



Second Vice District Governor Eric Lindberg

I want to start by thanking all the Lions in our District. Through your annual dues to LCI, they are able to put on some amazing training seminars. I was able to attend the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) in Chicago two weeks ago. The training they put on is second to none. Lions from all over the US, Canada, and the Caribbean came together to learn leadership, project management, and about grants that are offered through LCIF. We all left with new friends that we can count on to inspire us, generate new ideas, and help us with our journey through Lions. Some of us arrived early enough on Friday to hop in a cab and venture over to LCI Headquarters in Oakbrook to have a tour. I even got to sit at the International Presidents desk for a photo. I would sincerely recommend this training to any Lion who has an inclination to take on leadership roles in the future. I am also looking forward to attending another training academy in Boxborough, MA in December. As we are getting into the holiday season, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.



In the big guy's seat!

**LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING
FOUNDATION NEWS**

At midwinter convention January 30, in the afternoon, the annual meeting of the Lions Sight and Hearing will take place. At that time, we will elect 2 board members from District 44H and another 2 from District 44N. Please consider running for this board. This is the third time this election has been noticed in each District's newsletter. Our By-Laws are silent as to a notice requirement, but if there were a notice requirement, we have certainly met it! As we go into the holiday season, and you are shopping for gifts, and you use Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smiles instead. You use your same account information, you purchase the same way, it costs you nothing extra, but you simply start at a different place: Smile.amazon.com! If you hadn't picked a charity, go to pick one, and from the drop down list, type in **Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH**. As you shop, Amazon donates $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of your purchases to Lions Sight and Hearing. As we approach midwinter convention, do you wish to honor a club member or a member of the community with a 150 club or Granite State Fellow membership? That would be a great occasion to do so. -LS&H President Fred Plett

**WELCOME NEW LIONS! WELCOME
NEW LIONS! WELCOME LIONS!**

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>NAME/SPONSOR</u>
Amherst	Robert Miskelli/Donald Potter
Amherst	Steven Pray/Danielle Pray
Canaan	Stephanie Crawford Robert Holmes
Enfield-Mascoma	Ben Guiter/Kenneth Hill
Enfield-Mascoma	Lauran McAdam/Jessie Lawford
Enfield-Mascoma	Justin Partridge/Kenneth Hill
Goffstown *(NB-MTV)	Adam Jacobs/Fred Plett
Goffstown *(NB-MTV)	Alana White/Fred Plett
Keene	Donna Pomponio/Ronald Farina
Manchester	Bailey Caulfield/Elsbeth Cheung
Merrimack	Rosemary Gagne/Danielle Powell
Westmoreland	Mark Hayward Jr/Mark Hayward

*(NB-MTV: New Boston, Mont Vernon)

DISTRICT 44N MEMBERSHIP

Club	As of July 1	As of November 19	Change
<u>Total 44N</u>	1,220	1,181	-39
Amherst	52	52	0
Andover	20	20	0
Antrim-Bennington	33	26	-07
Bedford	21	21	0
Bristol	19	18	-01
Brookline	31	27	-04
Canaan	47	46	-01
Chesterfield	39	37	-02
Claremont	6	6	0
Cohasse	48	45	-03
Concord	28	27	-01
Enfield-Mascoma	44	47	+03
Fall Mountain	8	6	-02
Franklin Area	27	24	-03
Gap Mountain	12	12	0
Goffstown	63	58	-05
Hanover	37	37	0
Henniker	18	18	0
Hillsboro	30	30	0
Hinsdale	27	27	0
Hooksett	27	25	-02
Hopkinton	26	26	0
Jaffrey-Rindge	<i>incl Souhegan</i>	<i>incl Souhegan</i>	
Keene	80	85	+05
Lafayette	16	16	0
Lancaster	25	24	-01
Lisbon	34	31	-03
Littleton	17	17	0
Manchester	19	20	+01
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	14	0
Orford	34	34	0
Peterborough	37	37	0
Pinardville	22	22	0
Plymouth	10	9	-01
Souhegan	42	41	-01
Sunapee	26	24	-02
Swanzey	9	0	-09
Weare	10	10	0
Westmoreland	10	11	+01
Whitefield	20	20	0
Wilton	31	30	-01

**TOTAL NEW
MEMBERS**

12



EYEGLASSES, HEARING AIDS COLLECTION



Thank you to Wilton, Franklin, Westmoreland, and North country for 7 pounds of can tabs, three hearing aids and 1268 eyeglasses, resulting in a total of 9104 RX and 33 hearing aids to date, since July! It helps when people box the Rx (s), label the clubs name with total count on top, and take glasses out of their case--folding the side arms and resting them on top of each other in the box. Solar shield & sunglasses..... Place in a separate bag on top of the pile; do the same with hearing aids. With winter months around the corner, it will make the work a lot easier... ~Thank You. ~Lion Jill Healey

ENVIRONMENT



We are up to 15 Clubs that have completed the "Protecting the Environment" portion of the Centennial Challenge. Way to go!! We still have plenty of time for every club to do a recycling project, or roadside clean up, plant some flowers or trees, or whatever project you can dream up. There are a ton of ideas out there. You could even team up with another club or do it as a zone project! So go out, go green, and have fun!

If you were at the November Cabinet Meeting you were able to see the entries for the photo contest. There are some very talented people in our district. Voting will be on Saturday morning at the Mid-Winter Convention. Everyone who attends will be able to cast a vote for their favorite picture. The photo with the most votes will be the one we submit to International and it will be on display at the International Convention. ~Sue Lindberg, Environmental Chair



THE DOGSIGHT PROJECT

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



Happy Holidays

At this time of year, we are all asked to give to various causes. As Lions, we know that the need is year round for many, and the holiday surge of giving is a special help. Those of us with guide dogs know that our dogs give to us all year round. In fact, their lives are dedicated to giving something very precious to us - our independence. 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

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At this time of year, we can reflect on all the great activities our clubs are conducting. Thank You for sending your reports to me.

Membership numbers are on the rise. Keep up the good work. I recently inducted a 19 year old into a club. Lions are all young at heart, and We Serve.

Leadership had our first meeting to plan the Lions Forum in April. Let me know of any training you feel would be most helpful as you serve your community. The Forum promises to be an exciting day for all of us.

Have a Blessed and Happy Holiday season with family and loved ones. Invite someone who will be alone to join you. In the meantime, if you need anything from me, contact me at 424-8922 OR axstewart@comcast.net



Musings from GMT Fred Plett

Does anybody know of any prospective Lions in the Jaffrey-Rindge, New Boston-Mont Vernon, or Lincoln-Woodstock areas?

We are actively forming clubs now in Jaffrey-Rindge and New Boston-Mont Vernon, and an effort in Lincoln-Woodstock is just getting started.

Thanks go to our team of volunteers, including Brenda Salmonson and Will Phillips working Jaffrey-Rindge, and Annemarie Bailey in Lincoln-Woodstock (I am working on New Boston-Mont Vernon), who are doing an excellent job. They can use your help in getting these incipient clubs memberships over 20 so they can charter.

This is prime time for recruiting! Invite friends to your Lions Christmas parties and November-December projects. This could help make Lions out of them. As a Lions District we are down 40 for the year, and we would love to turn that around!

At a club level, you need many hands to make light work. Too few members means cutting back on projects or burning yourselves out. More members means more visibility, more projects, and more success!

WIN A \$500.00



GIFT CARD

**LIONS YOUTH SERVICES RAFFLE
200 TICKETS**

\$1.00 Per Ticket or 6 for \$5.00

Drawing at Annual Meeting

January 30, 2016

Tickets available from Board Members

BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDE:

MARIE HALL
RHONDA WYNNE
MYLA EVERETT
JOHN WYNNE
DEEDEE LATULIPPE

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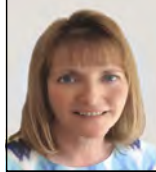


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~ your friend in service, MCC Terri McGrew

"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

Last month I asked everyone to support the Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH so we can continue to help people from around the state who reach out to us for hearing aids and eye surgery; and I hope your club will participate in the annual "Parade of Checks" at the Mid-Winter Convention on Saturday January 30 2016 and show your pride and support by presenting a donation to the Sight & Hearing Foundation of NH.

I also want to ask you to support the NH Lions Health Services Board with donations towards the Operation KidSight equipment as the program grows around the state. I encourage every Lions Club to schedule eye screenings and hearing screenings at your community schools and daycare centers. You may one day save a child's sight and change their lives forever.

And please don't forget the DogSight program and the NH Lions Recreational Weekend for the Blind and Vision Impaired. These two excellent Lions programs make a difference in people's lives each year and your financial support keeps these programs vibrant and significant. Please continue to donate generously.

Please consider giving the gift of time and service to NH Lions Youth Services.

Would you like to provide "Sweet Cases" to children removed from their homes and moved into the foster care system during the middle of the night when their family is in crisis? Would you like to host a birthday party for a child in one of the children's homes around the state? How about starting a blanket drive for homeless children? There are so many wonderful and caring projects and donations we can make to touch the lives of children in NH. We can create a happy memory that would last a lifetime. Can you help?

Operation Kid Sight

Wow, we're off to a great start with 4,235 reported OKS screenings this Lionistic year (entire last year was 2828 for the year) with twelve clubs reporting and lots of clubs reserving the screeners without a report submitted yet. Kudos to the *Keene and Concord Lions* for innumerable screenings throughout their communities.



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 by 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 Vision Screener Coordinator (listed in the upper left column on this page) is willing to help or just let me know.

Many thanks for all your efforts.

~ Bonnie St. Jean, 44N OKS Administrator



READING ACTION PROGRAM

This is to re-introduce The Lions Club International Reading Action Program (RAP) Campaign. Literacy -- the ability to read and write -- is the foundation for education and social development. Yet, hundreds of millions of adults lack minimum literacy skills and millions of school-aged children are not attending school to obtain them. The Reading Action Program is a 10-year commitment to increasing reading and literacy rates. It's a call to action for every Lions club. So Lions, are you ready to expand our impact by jumping on board the Reading Action Program? There are many ways Lions can help in their respective communities. Consider the following:

- Developing after school reading programs
- Reading to children at local libraries
- Contacting your local school and asking how you can help
- Donating books and/or computers to your local school or library
- Volunteering as tutors through a local school
- Working with local literacy experts and agencies
- Working to promote braille literacy

Any club already doing the reading action program please let me know. Please use the form 'BELOW' for reporting any activity and return it to me.

I can be reached at mbi1220@gmail.com or by my cell phone

603-770-9396. ~ Sincerely, Mario Izzo, Lions Youth Services



Lions Youth Services
Multiple Districts 44
Reading Action Program



Reporting Club Name: _____

Activity Type: _____

Activity Description: _____

Number of People Served: _____

Number of Lion Hours: _____

Number of Lions Participating: _____

Funds Raised: _____



Lions Twin State Soccer Association, Inc.

Try-outs are over and the teams of High School Senior Soccer men and women are in the process of being established. It looks like schools all over the two states will be represented. Sponsorship and Ad letters are in the mail. There may be a player in your town that you would like to sponsor. You could invite that player to speak at a club meeting to tell you about the experience of being on the LTSSA team.

LTSSA Directors are as follows:

Year	44N	44H	45	
2016	Brent Crowder Richard Gray PDG Alan Ricard	Jerry Vaccaro Marilyn Vaccaro Ann Mason	PDG Ken Millay David LaRose Bruce Savery	PDG Betsy Magee Donald Lane
2017	Tom Royce, IPP PDG Don Potter PCC Tom Geno, VP	Jeri Maynard Open Open	John Sprague PDG Stanley, Patch, Jr. Odillon LaRoche	Rick Bingham Debbie Ankuda
2018	PDG Henry McKee Ray Dodge Cheryl Powers	Paul Pearsall (44N) Open Open	Robert Brault Pat Ankuda Open	Open Open Open

We would like to fill all the open spaces with dedicated Lions who are interested in serving on the board. All Lions are welcomed, and if you would like to attend a meeting you should make reservations by contacting Director Cheryl Powers at LionCherylPwrs@aol.com or by phone at 603 768-3617 by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Below is the meeting schedule of 2015, 2016-2017 Lion years.

Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, December 02, 2015	Executive Board meeting, 68 Jack Wells Rd. Danbury @6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 27, 2016	Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 25, 2016	Directors meeting, Elks Lodge, Lebanon @ 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 03, 2016	Players Banquet, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 9:30 am
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	Executive Board, 68 Jack Wells Road, Danbury @ 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 25, 2016	Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 29, 2016	Directors meeting, Elks Lodge in Lebanon @ 7:00 pm
Thursday, July 14-16, 2016	LTSSA Soccer Camp, Castleton State College, Vermont
Saturday, July 16, 2016	Directors meeting, Castleton State College, Vermont
Saturday, July 16, 2016	LTSSA Soccer Game, Castleton State College, Vermont

"Soccer for Sight and Hearing"



CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS !

Manchester - Lion Ana Ortega from the Merrimack club (left), President Elspeth Cheung and Lion Dick StJean taking "Selfie's" at the recent Cabinet Meeting. Is that Lion Bonnie StJean "photo bombing" the Selfie? Right photo; DG Scott Wilson getting in on the fun with President Elspeth.



Amherst - recently welcomed three new members! Left to right, along with their sponsors are Lion Steve Pray sponsored by his wife Lion Danielle Pray, Lion Don Potter who sponsored Lion Robert Miskelli, and Lion Linda Ribolini who sponsored Lion Andrea Maniglia. The club's 35th annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 5 with over 90 juried vendors displaying their products at the Amherst Middle School, 9am to 3pm. Admission is free, there will be a food court, silent auction and raffle. Among the many items in the silent auction is an autographed Patriot's football—Devin McCourty (#32, defensive back). Other sports memorabilia as well.



Bedford - District 44N Cabinet Meeting Manchester, NH November 8, 2015 attended by President Jeanne Bellemore, Secretary Elda Cordero-Goodman at Puritan Restaurant. Celebrated 50th Anniversary on November 7, 2015. Instead of accepting Lions donations to our administrative fund, opted to have all monies donated to Camp Allen in Bedford NH. Attended by 78 Lions, family and friends and former Lions at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester, NH ;final donations pending, close to \$800, matched by a Lion. Assisting family of three who lost everything in fire November 15, 2015. Young family with a 9 month old daughter - Bellemore families have donated books, several interactive riding and pushing toys, Elda Cordero-Goodman donated 3 polar fleece blankets, 2 cases of formula, large package of diapers and baby essentials. Last minute Spot Screening conducted on 11/14/15 at Primrose of Bedford, NH Child Daycare at their open house: 49 adults and children from 10 am to 2pm . Identified 4 referrals but all with known problems, assisted by Lions Mary Murphy, Elda Cordero-Goodman and Pinardville Lion Jill Healey.



CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Brookline - held a very successful Penny Sale on Nov 7. The event attracted 250 attendees and raised approximately \$6000 in funds for the club's treasury. On Nov 2-5, Lion Jan Reimers and a team of Brookline Lions performed nearly 500 vision screenings at the two elementary schools in town resulting in 28 referrals. Lion Val Paynter added 60 more articles of clothing to the donation list for the Clothing Drive bringing the club total to 973 articles of clothing. Annual Christmas Luncheon for the Seniors is on December 5 and our Annual Toy Drive (in collaboration with the Brookline Fire Department) is on Dec 6-15.



Merrimack - sold 159 scarecrow kits and received donations totaling over \$3,000 to be donated to the American Diabetes Foundation this month. Met to determine distribution of money, requests for eyeglasses and other needs of the community, new projects to undertake. Delivering food to seniors and other members of Caregivers (low income) twice a month. Delivered \$200 check and collected canned goods, backpacks and clothes. Will deliver to the Liberty House Transition Home for Veterans. Leo's winterize the camp, by cleaning, closing windows etc. with other clubs on October 25, 2015 -- annual event for all clubs involved. Winterized Bears Den cabin to include removing, replacing screens, painting and sanding window frames. On-going project, will continue in Spring. Leos project, provided baked goods for a bake table fundraiser at town Halloween celebration -- Leos do this every year to earn money for their club's projects.





CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Milford - the Peace Poster winners came to the regular club meeting to receive their club awards. They were each given a framed copy of their submission and a token monetary gift. The 1st place winning poster will be submitted with all 44N winning posters. DG Henry was on hand to help President Tricia Shea with presentations. While visiting, DG Henry presented longevity pins to several members. Lion Hub Seward for 25 years of service, Secretary Lion Paul Dargie for 15 years of service were among those to receive the chevrons. Some of the many items discussed included the upcoming Spaghetti dinner at SHARE, decorating the Oval and Santa's visit on Sunday, December 6th.



Photo left: Lion Hub Seward and DG Henry.



Photo right: Lion Paul Dargie and DG Henry

Gap Mountain - after weeks of preparation, our Annual Holiday Basket Sale was a big success. We even made four baskets to donate to the Vision Weekend raffle. Our secretary attended the November Cabinet meeting and picked up the 15 Hash tag signs that we'd ordered for our community handicapped parking spots.

Monadnock - just completed second vision screening at Marlborough School. Screened 147 children out of a total school population of around 185 students. Out of the 147 students, detected 9 students for referrals to an eye care professional. A big thank you to Lion Earl Spafford and his wife Jan, Lion Sue Bemis, Lion Dominick Tralli, and IPP Linda Piekarski for all their hard work. Great job to everyone.

Chesterfield— on November 3, 2015, District Governor Henry visited and inducted 2 new members. He also presented Membership Chairperson, Joyce Schlichting with a Membership Excellence lapel pin and a Key Pin for sponsoring 2 new members. On November 7th Members passed out bags for food collection for our local food pantry. On November 14th Members picked up bags and delivered them to the pantry. As of Nov. 15th the total number of bags delivered to the pantry is 155. Our Secretary attended the District Cabinet Meeting in Manchester on November 6th. We are getting ready for our Breakfast with Santa which will be held on December 5th from 9-11 am.



Left to right: DG Henry, 1st place Peace Poster Winner, Marissa Spirito and President Tricia Shea.



2nd place winner, Renee Wilson.



3rd place winner, Grace Kelly.



CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)



Concord - This has been a great year for eye screenings for children in the Concord area. From 09/25/15 - 11/12/15, Concord Lions did 3,253 screenings in 12 local schools. Out of all the screenings conducted, 279 children screened were referred for further evaluations.

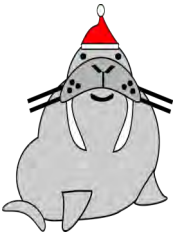
Henniker - community school SPOT screenings were held with 309 children screened. The annual Thanksgiving clothing distribution was held above the Food Pantry including over 120 knitted hats and mittens made by Seniors at the White Birch Community center. Eyeglasses collected

Hillsboro- \$200 donated to Hillsboro Area Food Pantry. Collected and donated 18 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling. The Outdoor Ice Merchandiser has been installed at the Hillsboro Area Food Pantry and the club placed a lock on the door and turned the equipment over to the pantry. Provided Maico PILOT hearing screening to 59 children at the Washington Elementary School. Four Lions provided 12 man hours. 535 free books were distributed by 8 Lions on 30 October to students K-5 using 10 man hours. Four Lions traveled to Washington and conducted a Reading is Fundamental Project and distributed 52 books and 9 dictionaries (for the third graders) on 5 November. 3 man hours used. 17 Jackets, 4 sweaters, 34 pairs of mittens, 28 hats/scarves, 10 blankets, 27 hats, 40 miscellaneous items and 113 pairs of socks have been provided so far under our Heads, Hands and Feet project. Distributed 73 dictionaries to the third graders and 3 dictionaries to the teachers at the Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School PCC Don and KL Meg Ager attended the Winchester, VA Lions pin swap with associate members ID Bob Libin and Lion Michelle Libin. Hosted annual Seniors Dinner on 21 November. Many turkeys have been purchased already for the annual Food Baskets for the needy at Christmas time. DG Henry McKee was guest speaker on 24 November.



Left to right, Lion Meg Ager, Herb Frederick and George Belanger waiting for the first group of kids to come pick out free books gifted by the club.





CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

Newport - Blood Drive NMHS was held on November 4th where 48 pints were collected. President Lovely, and Lions Kangas, Stephens, Armen, and Howard worked. President Peter Lovely and Secretary Daniel Labbe along with two others attended the Zone 6 meeting.

Hopkinton - hosted a Pancake Breakfast at the Country Fare Diner, Contocook Village Center on Thursday, November 26, 2015 (Thanksgiving Day) from 8am to 11am. **SCOUTING FOR FOOD:** Hopkinton Lions Club was on hand to deliver 5855 food items, collected by Hopkinton Boy Scout Troop 77, to the Hopkinton and Concord Food Pantries. In spite of the cold and wind it was a great day for volunteerism. Annual Christmas Tree sale started on Saturday and Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving and every weekend thereafter until the weekend before Christmas. If you are in the area, stop by for your tree.



Carl Goodman and Gary Gross collecting donations to the Hopkinton Food Pantry



Scouting for Food: Carl Goodman helping the Scouts sort.



The Trees Are Here!

Claremont- held another successful Wine & Chocolate Tasting fundraiser at Bouteille Wine & Gift Merchants here in Claremont. Spent a wonderful afternoon sampling some very nice wines and pairing them with some delicious truffles from Mybrigadeiro located in Hanover. Thanks to our fellow Lions for their support.



Claremont Lion Doree Russell and her brother-in-law, Don Fontaine, sharing some Lions Club Love at Claremont's 2015 Hallowesta! Great time meeting lots of people and seeing the fun costumes and excitement of the kiddos!

CLUB ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)



Canaan - the Canaan Lions Health Closet has been extraordinarily busy: 120 units were handled by 11 members for a total of 119 hours of service and 690 miles driven. In addition, a stair lift was provided to a Canaan resident. The club provided two eye exams and three pairs of glasses to local residents. Four members attended the Cabinet meeting in Manchester. Members delivered 17 bags of clothing, three bags of toys, and 613 pairs of glasses to the Manchester Lions Club for distribution. Members worked at the monthly community dinner. Members delivered meals on Thanksgiving day. The club will hold a home decorating contest as part of 'Christmas in Canaan' on December 16. The next Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on December 21.

Enfield Mascoma Lioness - the club hosted two very successful events in November: Frosty's Craft World and a Thanksgiving pie sale. In preparation of Frosty's Craft World, the club completed several knitting and craft projects in memory of a sister Lioness member who recently passed away. Three members made a lasagna dinner for families staying at David's House. Several members will be providing food to the Enfield-Mascoma Lions Club during their tree sale. The club will hold its annual holiday dinner and gift exchange on December 3. On December 17, the club will volunteer at a luncheon for senior citizens, including arranging transportation and providing table decorations. The club is also making table favors for all attendees at the luncheon.

Lafayette - welcomed a host of Halloween ghosts and goblins to the Dow Strip in Franconia on Saturday, October 31, 2015. This year there were a variety of wonderful costumes ranging from beautiful fairy princesses to energetic hover boarders. We even got a glimpse of Donald Trump who was campaigning up and down the strip along with a few pooches who were all dressed in their Halloween attire. Each year the Lafayette Lions promote the holiday by donating candy to the homes along the Dow the weekend before Halloween. On Halloween Eve they set up a greeting station where they pass out candy and glow necklaces to the children. The kids then spend the evening along the Dow Strip trick-or-treating, enjoying a cup of hot chocolate, taking a hike along the Haunted Trail, watching the giant glowing bonfire and dancing along with the Thriller Zombie Flash Mob. This annual event allows the Lions to work in conjunction with the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce, the Lafayette Recreation Department, Lafayette Regional School and the Profile Junior/Senior High School. The Lions club members look forward to the Halloween party each year and hope to continue this activity for many years to come.



Left to right:
Lions Bob Warden, Steve
Dawson, Irene Dawson, Linda
Warden and PDG Paul Reitsma

**"NH LIONS ACADEMY AWARDS OF RECOGNITION"
NOMINATION FORM
MD 44 Mid-Winter Convention
January 29 - 31, 2016**

Recognizing Individual Contributions in New Hampshire

The 2016 MD44 Mid-Winter Convention Committee would like to honor individual Lions on Saturday January 30, 2016 at the NH Lions MD44 Mid-Winter Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in Nashua, NH.

We are asking your Lions club to nominate someone for honorable recognition. As a club, or as a board of directors, or as individual Lions, please nominate your **"Super Lion"**, someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty or your **"Best Supporting Lion"**, someone who exemplifies our motto "We Serve" or your **"Lifeboat Lion"**, someone who is an absolute pleasure to work with and someone you can always count on; a Lion you would like to have in your lifeboat.

Please fill out this nomination form with the individual's name, address, phone number, the name of their Lions Club, and a brief description of the individual's contributions that have led to this nomination.

Please return the nomination form **no later than January 4, 2016 to:**

MCC Terri McGrew • 11 Rock Ramond Road • Brookline, NH 03033

We'll take it from there, alerting your nominee and encourage them to attend the Mid-Winter Convention dinner on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Thank you for taking time to recognize one of your members; we appreciate it, and I know the nominees will appreciate it too.

Your friend in service,
MCC Terri McGrew ~ 2015 MD 44 Mid-Winter Convention Chairman

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Club: _____

Multiple District 44 ~ 56th Annual Mid-Winter Convention

"NH Lions Academy Awards of Recognition"

Courtyard by Marriott ~ 2200 Southwood Drive, Nashua, NH 03063

January 29- January 31st, 2016

Our International Guests: ID Linda Tincher and Lion Vern Tincher from Riley, Indiana

LION #1 _____ Club _____

LION #2/GUEST _____ Club _____

Telephone No. (____) - _____ Email: _____

Friday Dinner and entertainment	6:00 – 9:30 pm	\$ 35.00 per person
Saturday breakfast		\$ 18.00 per person
Saturday lunch		\$ 23.00 per person
Saturday Hors d'oeuvres & Banquet	5:30 – 9:30 pm	\$ 40.00 per person
Sunday breakfast		\$ 18.00 per person

(Please make your meal choices from page 2 of this registration)

~~The absolute deadline for Meal Reservations is Friday January 15, 2016~~

Please send this registration form and your meal selections and your payment to:

MCC Terri McGrew - Convention Chairman
11 Rock Ramond Road
Brookline, NH 03033

Checks should be made out to: MD 44 Convention Fund

To reserve your hotel room please call the Courtyard by Marriott at 603-880-9100 or
book on-line at www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mhtnc-courtyard-nashua/

Select Special Lions Rate: "LMCLMCA" 1 king bed for \$89.00 per night.

Select "LMCLMCC" for 2 Double Beds for \$89.00 per night.

You pay the hotel directly. The hotel is reserving a block of rooms at a reduced price for the Lions Convention.

To secure this special rate your reservation must be made by Friday January 15, 2016.

(The hotel will release our block of rooms on the morning of January 16th and if rooms are still available after that date, you will have to pay the regular standard room rate. You will not receive this special rate.)

NH LIONS 2016 MID-WINTER CONVENTION MEAL CHOICES

Friday Dinner ~ Cash Bar and Fantastic Entertainment 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Dinner served at 7:00 pm and the entertainment continues to 9:30 pm
Entertainment ~ DJ Dave Martinez ~ Music & “Name that Tune” Contest & Karaoke & Dancing

Friday Dinner Options: \$ 35.00 per person
Chicken Marsala _____ or Lobster Mac & Cheese _____
Vegetarian Option available on request _____
Dinner includes: Soup du jour, Dessert & Coffee/Tea

Saturday Breakfast Options: \$ 18.00 per person
Ham & Cheese Omelet _____ or Belgium Waffle _____
Breakfast includes: Bacon & Homefries, Orange Juice & Coffee/Tea

Saturday Lunch Options: \$ 23.00 per person
Cobb Salad with Chicken _____
Ham & Swiss Wrap _____
Vegetarian Grille on Ciabatta Bread _____
Lunch includes: Soup du jour, Side, Dessert & Coffee/Tea or Bottled Water or Soft Drinks

Saturday Dinner Options: \$ 40.00 per person
Tournedos of Beef _____
Baked Haddock _____
Wild Mushroom Ravioli _____
Dinner includes: Salad , Dessert & Coffee/Tea

Sunday Breakfast Options: \$ 18.00 per person
Scrambled Eggs _____ or French Toast _____
Breakfast includes: Bacon & Homefries, Orange Juice & Coffee/Tea

Lion # 1 _____ Club _____

Lion # 2 / Guest _____ Club _____

Telephone No: ()- _____ Email _____



Fellow Lions night out
 Comedy Night at the Colonial Theatre
 Saturday, Nov 21, 2015
 MCST Sue Lindberg, SVDG Eric Lindberg
 with FVDG Christine Greenwood,
 Lion Rachel Luce, DG Henry McKee, and
 Lions Bonnie and Dick StJean

TOP TEN REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A LIONS CLUB

#10 Continue a Club's Legacy

The work of Lions clubs requires a continuation of effort by many people. Your support as a member will insure that the service contributed in your community and throughout the world can continue. You've heard it before, but the work of many hands doing little things brings great results.



www.LionsClubs.org

#9 Share Your Talents

Every person offers unique talents to any organization. When we combine our efforts and work toward a common goal, the results are usually mind boggling. Lions' work is like a gigantic puzzle. Until the last piece is found, the picture is never complete. Your unique piece to the puzzle is a vital part of our community service.



#8 Expand your Horizons

Lions began as a means for business owners to expand their professional and career contacts. Today Lions membership continues to be a valuable method to network and link with people and groups that can benefit your work, social and personal lives.



#7 Develop Young Leaders

By engaging youth, Lions are helping develop strong leaders for the future. Leo clubs provide youth volunteer opportunities that allow young adults to become involved in community service and begin learning about the important part they can have around the world.



#6 Grow as a Family

Lions clubs offer opportunities for families to volunteer together. Become a Lion with your spouse, children, grandchildren and siblings, and start spending quality time together while serving the community.



#5 Learn, Grow and Share

Through volunteer work and community service, Lions are learning new things and developing leadership skills. Learn how to plan a food drive and feed the hungry. Learn about the risks of diabetes, and share their knowledge with community members to help them lead healthier lifestyles. LIONS- Making a difference throughout the world, one Lion at a time.



#4 Enjoy a Rewarding Experience

There is no greater feeling than making a positive impact on someone's life. Lions are doing good- for others and for themselves.



#3 Make New Friends

Joining a local Lions club is a great way to network with other people in your community and make new friends. Find a special interest club that involves people with the same interests, hobbies and passions. Or consider starting your own club! Serving together can help build relationships that last a lifetime.



#2 Making a Difference

A small act like collecting recycled glasses may not seem like much at first, but when those glasses are distributed around the world through Lions eyeglass missions that change lives, you'll soon discover that Lions are making a big impact. Lions are everywhere: teaching children to read, responding to disasters, fighting measles, providing clean water, and so much more.



#1 Serve the Community

Lions are committed to partnering with local leaders and organizations, identifying the unique needs of their communities and surrounding areas, and planning service projects that address those needs. From community clean-up projects to food drives to fundraisers, Lions help people in need who are close to home. We serve!



Editors Note: I know that I personally have more than 10 reasons that I am a member of the Lions. Perhaps you do too! I have had the opportunity to publish this newsletter and see all the wonderful projects, and services that all of you provide to your community firsthand. I am amazed at what all of you do individually and together and am proud to be a part of it all. May all of you enjoy the holiday season with family and loved ones and I am wishing all of you a happy, healthy and rewarding New Year ahead! Hope to see you at **Mid-Winter**

~Yours in Lionism, Rhonda Wynne, Editor

